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REPORT.

THE Secretary deeply regrets that he must appear before his audience, even though it be a limited one, in penitential garb. That the cause for this will practically have disappeared when these words are read does not diminish his liability, and he can only plaintively suggest "that it was the other boy." The time that Canon Holmes had intended to give to his share of the work, the Episcopal Registers issued in Volume XIII, was absorbed by illness, extra diocesan work, and finally the change of residence caused by his acceptance of a Residentiary canonry in Wells Cathedral. Volume XIV, for which the Secretary as editor is personally responsible, was delayed by the necessity of finding an Anglo-Saxon scholar able and willing to edit the charters in the Muchelney Chartulary. The delay, which was ended by the choice of Mr. W. H. Stevenson, cannot be said to have been altogether fruitless. Another result of the delay is that the volume contains not only the Muchelney Chartulary originally promised, but also the unique copy of the Athelney Chartulary preserved in the Phillipps Library at Cheltenham. In spite of a long search, the original, even if

still in existence, seems to have completely disappeared; and Mr. J. Batten, having examined the Phillipps's copy, was of opinion that its interest was sufficient to justify the cost of transcription. The lesser monasteries of the county have now been exploited as far as documentary evidence is concerned. There remains the Glastonbury store at Longleat, of which the late Canon Jackson held the key; and he seemed to be of opinion (Volume V, xxiv.) that it was beyond the power of a single society to deal with such a mass of documents, even if permission was given by the owner.

The Volume for 1900 is *Gerard's Survey of Somerset*, the south and west from Exmoor to Castle Cary, made about the year 1633. It is now being printed, and the Secretary-Editor hopes that it may be issued with the new century.

One cause of the delay in the production of the volumes is the late period at which they have been determined upon. This hand-to-mouth policy has been forced upon the Council by the want of funds. At the last meeting of the Council in July, 1900, it was found possible to look a little ahead. The publication for 1901 will be a volume of Wills ranging from the earliest date at which they have been preserved, 1387, down to 1500. The Rev. F. W. Weaver has kindly undertaken the editorship, and has already annotated one-third of the number. For 1902, Mr. Green will contribute another volume of "Pedes Finium," carrying on the series from 1349 to 1399. This period will cover the era of the Great Pestilence, and of the social and economic changes resulting thereon. The importance of such records is much increased in this period by the absence of any episcopal registers between those of Ralph of Shrewsbury, *ob.* 1363, and Henry Bowett, suc. 1401.

The publications of the Society are thus steadily supplying

first-hand information for the study of the life of the people, during that long period when quite unconsciously the English character was being differentiated, the full consequences of which are perhaps only just beginning to be felt.

The financial statement is not a real clue to the resources of the Society. After collecting all subscriptions in arrears and paying off liabilities, there was an actual cash balance of £40 in favour of the Society on 1st January, 1899. The stock of volumes is considerable, and the Secretary will be glad to hear from subscribers wishing to complete their sets. Owing to the extra cost of printing as well as transcribing, the actual balance on 1st January, 1900, will probably be rather less. The financial statement for 1900 will result in an increased balance, although the item of "subscriptions in arrear" must not be looked upon as a source of revenue any longer. In connexion with this item, the Secretary has a very unpleasant experience to record. On taking over the office, he found it necessary to dun not a few of the subscribers for unpaid guineas. The largest number paid, though a few returned the volumes on the ground that they had ceased to be members, and had given notice to that effect. Two persons, however, refused to do either one or the other, sheltering themselves under some quibble quite inexplicable to a gentleman.

In conclusion, the Secretary can only say in whatever way the subscribers may choose to punish his delinquencies, he trusts that it will not take the form of dropping their subscriptions.

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The Register of Walter Giffard, Bishop of Bath and Wells. 1264–1266.

THE fragment of the Register of Bishop Giffard of which the substance is given as the first of the two registers contained in the present volume has been long known, and was analysed by Matthew Hutton of Aynho, who died in 1711, and whose neat little volumes of extracts are among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum. It was sent to me by the Secretary of the Surtees Society, who, while engaged in transcribing Giffard's Archiepiscopal Register at York, was good enough to continue his labour on the Wells fragment, which was bound up at the end of that book. This fragment is contained in the last twenty folios, but not all the pages are filled with entries. Our thanks to him are due for his generosity in placing this at our disposal. The information which we gain concerning the diocese is the more valuable because it is earlier than anything to be gained from the registers in the Wells Registry. Even though it gives but a glimpse of the diocese, yet that glimpse is forty years anterior to the time of Bishop Drokensford, whose register (1309–1329) begins our local collection. The division of the diocese into the four jurisdictions of the three archdeaconries and the joint jurisdiction of the Dean and Abbot of Glastonbury, a division which has disappeared when one reaches Drokensford's time, is one of interest. The work is not so centralised as it became in later times. The vicar-general does not loom out in the importance which he was destined to enjoy, and the relationship between the archdeacons and the clergy assembled in decanal chapter is a pleasant reminiscence of earlier and simpler diocesan organisation. It is also of interest to note the joint jurisdiction of the Dean and Abbot of Glastonbury. It is a trace of the patronship controversy which had not yet been settled, and which (insisted on by the bishop of the diocese) would have placed the abbots in a position less inde-

pendent than they had desired. This came to an end in the succeeding episcopate of William Button II.

Walter Giffard comes into notice at his election as bishop in succession to William Button the Ist. He was the son of Hugh Giffard of Boyton, in the county of Wilts, by his wife Sibyl, daughter of Walter de Corneilles. His brother, Godfrey, was Bishop of Worcester 1268–1302. The family was of local influence, and members of it held at the time the manors of Stoke Giffard and Wellow in Somerset, as well as those of Winterbourne Giffard and Brimpsfield. His predecessor Bishop Button the Ist was known to be friendly to the cause of the barons, and his unpopularity among the members of the chapter may have influenced it in the choice of his successor. By the Mise of Amiens, Jan. 23, 1264, Louis had given most of the points in dispute between Henry and the barons in favour of Henry, and had proved to Simon de Montfort that only by increased activity could he gain any permanent limitation of the regal authority. No longer restrained by the Earl of Gloucester, Simon began to show a personal ambition which had formerly been conspicuous by its absence, and his exactions on the Jews in the spring of this year roused a bitterness which made civil war again inevitable. War broke out in the early spring, and the insult which the Londoners offered to the queen and her foreign attendants shewed that the baronial party had the assistance of the chief city of England. On May 14, after the capture of Northampton, Nottingham and Tutbury by Henry and Prince Edward, the forces of the king met the baronial army and the Londoners at Lewes, and the rout of the royal army left Henry and Richard, king of the Romans, prisoners in the hands of Simon de Montfort. The Mise of Amiens was promptly followed by the Mise of Lewes, and Henry in his captivity promised to obey the Charter, and to employ on his business only Englishmen. A week after the battle of Lewes the Convent of Bath and the Chapter of Wells hurriedly, and without all the formalities, which were afterwards agreed upon, elected as Bishop of Bath and Wells on the Thursday after the Feast of St. Dunstan (May 22) Walter Giffard, a papal chaplain, in subdeacon's orders, and one of the canons of the cathedral church. If Bath was papal, Wells was clearly royalist, and the influence of Edward de la Cnoll, the trusted friend of Queen Eleanor, procured the election of a king's man to succeed the reformer

Button. We know very little about his early life. In 1256 he received permission for himself and his mother to dwell in the Castle (Mon. Franciscan. 257), and Adam de Marisco, the Franciscan, wrote to the Chancellor of Oxford in his favour. He was elected, however, Bishop of Bath and Wells a week after Lewes. Edward de la Cnoll announces the fact, and Walter de Anno, prior of Bath, wrote to Henry on May 23 to inform him what they had done. (Wells, Hist. MSS. 51, 52. Liber Alber, f. 82. Hunt's Bath Chartularies, ii, 303, 304.) He received the Temporalities on Sept. 1, 1264, and apparently crossed over directly to Paris to Boniface of Savoy, Archbishop of Canterbury, and possibly with the view of being consecrated by the Pope. In the order which Henry sent forth from Worcester on Dec. 14, 1264, at the instigation of Simon for the assembly of parliament, Giffard is still spoken of as the Bishop elect of Bath and Wells. The delay was caused by the death of Urban IV, on Oct. 2, 1264, at Perugia, and his successor, Clement IV, was not elected till Feb. 5, 1265. Giffard, however, was at last consecrated at the church of Notre Dame, Paris, by Peter d'Acquablanca, Bishop of Hereford. He is said to have sworn, and probably at the desire of the Archbishop of Canterbury, that he would not take up arms against the king, and the barons in their anger are reported to have ravaged his manors in England. It was on this account that at Boniface's request he excommunicated Simon, Earl of Leicester, and the members of his party in the summer of 1265. The siege of Kenilworth and the battle of Evesham, Aug. 4, with the death of Simon de Montfort, changed the position of Henry, and on Aug. 10, 1265, Giffard is made Chancellor of England. The year that followed was one of appeasement, and we find Giffard on Oct. 26 and Oct. 29 at Canterbury with the king, witnessing the grant of the earldom and honour of Leicester to Edmund, Earl of Lancaster and of the manor of Gringelay, formerly in the possession of William de Furnival, one of Simon de Montfort's followers, to Prince Henry d'Almeyne, the king's grandson. On Oct. 31, 1266, we find his signature, the second of those who in the king's name were authorised to publish the Dictum of Kenilworth, the agreement which was arranged with the disaffected barons on the surrender of that castle as the terms of their acceptance of peace. Already, however, Giffard had ceased to be Bishop of Bath and Wells. On Oct. 15, 1266, he was provided

by bull of Clement IV, with the Archbishopric of York rendered vacant by the death of Godfrey de Ludham. He was enthroned at York, Nov. 1, 1266, and received the Temporalities Dec. 26, 1266. Meanwhile he had written to Edward de la Cnoll, Dean of Wells, who forwards the letter to the prior and convent of Bath to announce the fact that he had ceased to be Bishop of Bath and Wells, and had taken upon himself the care of the church of York, and in a memorandum dated Dec. 26, 1266, the prior records the fact and took steps for a conference for the election of his successor. Letters of request were jointly dispatched to the king for his license on Dec. 29, 1266, being the Festival of S. Thomas the Martyr.

At York, Giffard took up the work of a reformer, endeavouring to suppress some of the evil customs that had grown up during the years of political trouble. He resigned the Chancellorship in the spring of 1267, and his brother Godfrey Giffard, Bishop of Worcester, succeeded him. He is said to have maintained as a scholar at Oxford a kinsman named William de Greenfield.

In Giffard's York Register we get a final reference to his two years' episcopate of Bath and Wells. On f. 95 there is a letter from the archbishop to W. de Yeovilton, a monk at Glastonbury, who had written to the archbishop recommending a friend for the post of chaplain. Giffard thanks him for his letter, and assures him of his friendship, but says he has already four chaplains, and he cannot do with any more.

On Oct. 13, 1269, we find Giffard taking part in the solemnities attendant on the Translation of the remains of Edward the Confessor. During the twenty-nine years while the shrine was being prepared, the tomb had been placed either in the choir or in the palace at Westminster, and hence it was taken back to its resting place, even before the work was completely finished. (Lanercost Chron., p. 103.) The next year Prince Edward departed for the Holy Land, and left London in charge of the archbishop, whose resolute government brought the Earl of Warrenne to justice for the murder of Alan la Zouche at Westminster. Two years after, on Nov. 20, 1272, Henry III died, and as the Archbishopric of Canterbury was vacant the Great Seal was delivered over to Giffard as first Lord of the Council, and Giffard with Roger Mortimer and Robert Burnell, who became Bishop of Bath and Wells the following year, were

appointed a Council of State to govern the kingdom during the absence of Edward, and to acquaint him on his return with the condition of the kingdom. On Edward's return we find that Giffard was refused by him permission to attend at his coronation on Aug. 19, on account of his quarrel with Archbishop Kilwardby about the carriage of his cross. This conduct of Giffard agrees with his action in the province of York, where he had been on a visitation for the reform of abuses. He arrived at Durham this same year, during the vacancy of the See, Robert de Stitchill having died on Aug. 4. His visit was not welcomed, and though he visited the monastery, he was obliged, owing to a riot between his retinue and the monastic labourers, to take refuge in the hospital of Kepier. The process of the election of Robert de Insula and his confirmation by Giffard are given in Raine, *Historians of the Church of York*, iii, 190–199. Reg. Giffard, f. 115–167.

In 1275, King Edward made Giffard one of the guardians of the kingdom during his absence in France, and four years afterwards, on April 22, 1279, he died at York, and was buried first of all in the choir, and afterwards was removed by Archbishop Thoresby into the presbytery of the cathedral church.

The Register of Henry Bowet, Bishop of Bath and Wells. 1401–1407.

IMPORTANT as the Register before us is as a record of the Collations and Institutions to vacant benefices, yet it will be found very disappointing as a record of the religious life of the diocese. It is a mere legal document. Bowet himself does not interest us for he cannot be said to come before us. It is practically the record of the vicar-general. Bowet was engaged during the whole period in affairs of State. He may have been in Wells in 1404, for among the Cathedral Documents there is a confirmation by him that year at the Palace, Wells, of the Statutes of the Cathedral Church (L.R. f. 246), and he appears to have been at Banwell on Oct. 15, 1405, at Evercreech, Jan. 18, 1406, and again at Banwell, Feb. 12, 1406. But his influence is not felt and there are no reflections in the Register of his presence or of the affairs of State in which he was engaged. The family to which he belonged appears to have been of knightly rank and to have migrated from Cumberland into Norfolk. The place of his birth is not known. His father was buried at Penrith, and his mother somewhere in Lincolnshire. In 1382, Nov. 2, we find in Calendar of Patent Rolls, p. 182–3, a licence for Robert Parnyng, knight, to enfeoff Henry Bowet, clerk, and John de Corkeby of the manors of Blakhall, Staynton, and Bochardby in Cumberland, held in chief, and for the feoffees after seizin had been accomplished, to re-enfeoff him in tail male, with remainder to Thomas Bowet the elder, and Margaret his wife, and final remainder to lawful heirs of the said Robert. Thomas Bowet's name appears in the Register on p. 14 and 30, as of squire's rank and consanguineus to the bishop. In 1383, April 28, an Adam Bowet of Northumberland receives pardon from outlawry concerning a debt due to Thomas Hosteler of

Flete Street (Cal. Pat. Rolls, p. 208). Adam of Usk says that he practised in the Ecclesiastical Court (p. 63). He was a doctor in both of the legal branches. It was probably on account of his skill in law that he accompanied Bishop Spencer of Norwich in 1382 as his clerk when he went to Flanders with a commission from Urban V on a crusade against the French adherents of the anti-pope, Clement VII ; and afterwards when the contrast between his initial success against the town of Flanders, and his withdrawal on the approach of Charles VI of France, led to a charge being made in England against Spencer that he had been bribed by the French, the evidence of Bowet given before the Lords went far to acquit his master. The next year Bowet became one of the chaplains of Urban VI (Rymer's *Fœdera*, vii, 569), and in 1385 he is said to have been the only Englishman who remained with the pope during the riots and crimes at Nocera when Adam Aston, Cardinal of St. Cœcilia, was with his six fellow cardinals tortured and imprisoned. Walsingham, II, 124.

Bowet probably was the main instrument and agent of Richard II in obtaining the release of Cardinal Aston. During this time, as it would appear from the Patent Rolls, Bowet was receiving the emoluments of the Deanery of Dublin, for, in Feb. 10, 1383 (C. P. R., p. 224), a grant was made to him at the request of Henry Spencer, Bishop of Norwich, that while with the king or in the king's service with the Bishop of Norwich beyond the seas he may enjoy the fruits of the Deanery as if resident there. Bowet is described as the king's advocate in the Court of Rome. In 1386 he was appointed prebendary and Archdeacon of Lincoln, a northern relative of the same name holding in 1416 the archdeaconry of Richmond in Yorkshire. In 1388 he is again acting as agent for Richard II with Pope Urban VI, and in this year the Merciless Parliament excludes him from the pardon offered to the king's friends. Apparently, however, he transfers himself at this time to the party of the Duke of Lancaster, and though still unpardoned was, in 1393, appointed to negociate with the King of Castile. On July 13, 1397, we find Bowet as chief justice of the Superior Court of Aquitaine, and on July 23, 1398, he was appointed Constable of Bordeaux.

When in 1399, after the tournament at Coventry, Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford, was banished by Richard,

Bowet interposed and advocated the appointment of a proxy to secure the inheritance of the Duke of Lancaster, should the duke die during the year of his son's exile, and when Lancaster died this year, Richard revoked this appointment, and got the Parliament of Shrewsbury to condemn Bowet as a traitor and a friend of Bolingbroke, and he was deprived for a time of his archdeaconry. In his place two appointments were made by the king and by the Bishop of Lincoln, but Bowet, on his restoration, received the profits which had accrued in his absence, and continued to hold the office till he was appointed to Bath and Wells. In the autumn of this year, after the battle of Ravenspur, Henry IV gave Bowet in addition a prebendal stal. at London, and still further enriched him with tolls and other offices in Aquitaine. In May of the following year he becomes one of the four regents of the king in the south of France (Rymer, viii, 41), and before the year was out Henry sent for him to come to England, and again he acts as agent for the king and apparently in a private manner. Already, however, the Chapter of Wells on April 22, 1400, had informed Henry of the death of Bishop Erghum, and had requested permission to elect a successor, and on leave being given they elected the king's clerk, Henry Bowet. But Boniface IX had provided Richard Clifford, Archdeacon of Canterbury, to the see. Henry, however, objected and Clifford was appointed to the vacant see of Worcester and Henry Bowet by papal provision and the king's consent became bishop of Bath and Wells, April 19, 1401. On Sept. 21, 1401, he received the Temporalities and was consecrated at St. Paul's on Nov. 20, 1401, by Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of London, Hereford, and Exeter, and four others. Henry, however, had appointed Bowet for his own interests. He was not to be allowed to remain in Somerset. John Greenlaw, episcopus Soltanensis, was appointed Suffragan (*cf.* p. 17) and Bowet was free for the affairs of State. On Feb. 27, 1402, he was appointed Treasurer, and until his translation to York he appears, with two brief exceptions, to have been completely employed by Henry IV. On April 28, 1403, he was one of the ambassadors appointed to arrange a truce with the King of France, and obtaining the ransom due for John, formerly King of France (R.F), and in 1403, 1404, 1406, 1407, he acts for the king as one of the triers of petitions in Parliament. In 1404

he becomes a member of the Council of State and we find him in 1406 with the Court at Lynn, and afterwards he escorted the Princess Philippa to her husband Eric in Denmark. (Annales. Hen. IV, 420, Rymer's *Fœdera*, vii, 447). On his return he was immediately translated by papal provision to York, and was enthroned on Dec. 9, 1407. The See of York had been vacant since the execution of Archbishop Scrope in 1405. The chapter at York had chosen Thomas Longley as archbishop, and the king had agreed (Aug. 8, 1405), but Henry gave way when the action of Gregory XII was known. On Jan. 28, 1405, Bowet's signature appears on the Treaty with Spain. In the De Banco Rolls for Northumberland, 6 Henry IV, Bowet is said to have been appointed by Richard II to the Free Chapel of Jesmond, and to have held it until his appointment to Bath and Wells (No. 575, m. 237), and in the same rolls for Cumberland, 8 Hen. IV, we find him with Thomas Bowet the elder, and Thomas Bowet the younger, as executors of the will of Gilbert Bowet (No. 583, m. 203). It is evident, however, from this brief sketch of his life that as far as the diocese of Bath and Wells was concerned, Bowet was little in it, and took little interest in what occurred in it. Personally, he could not have been known to any but a very few of his clergy.

His register is a brief legal record of the usual kind. He promulgates the usual notices from Lambeth or from the Crown. There was no searching for heretics and no trials of them are recorded during his episcopate. Yet in 1410 he was one of Arundel's assessors in the trial of John Badby, of the diocese of Worcester, when Badby was condemned. It was the first trial and execution under the statute De heretico comburendo. Bowet also wrote to the king in 1421 against John Tailour, who had been preaching heresy at Bristol, and who had been condemned to perpetual imprisonment and was allowed out on finding security in Chancery. Through the years 1413, 1414, 1415, and 1416, Bowet, though archbishop, still acted as one of the triers of petitions in Parliament, and in 1417 went with the army northwards against the Scots. He died Oct. 20, 1423, and was buried at the east end of York Minster. The Surtees Society, vol. i, p. 399, of Testamenta Ebor., has given us his will, and in it he remembered the church he served so carelessly—"item, lego ecclesiæ Cathedrali Wellen totam sectam vestimenti mei de panno albo auri, videlicet tres capas, casulam, tunicellas

sive dalmaticas cum albis, amitis, stolis et manipulis eisdem pertinentibus."

The gift was valued at xviij*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

In the Communar rolls of 1437–8 an entry of 16*s.* 8*d.* is made for the expenses of John the cursor, who rode to York to fetch the vestments bequeathed by the Lord Henry Bowet. (Wells Cath. MSS., p. 278.)

At the end of the register are some entries which belong to the register of Nicholas Bubwith, Bowet's successor. They must be taken, however, in connection with his register, though they do not present any points of great interest.

Members of the Chapter of Wells referred to in Giffard's Register and the stalls they occupied.

The prebend of Easton [in Gordano]:—

Robert de Marisco.
Thomas de la Cnoll.
William Russel.

The prebend of Holcombe:—

John de Holteby.
Hugo de la Mote.
Roger, seneschal of Bishop of Exeter.
William, Archdeacon of Chorges.

The prebend of Buckland [Dinham]:—

John de Holteby.

The prebenda bursalis:—

W. le Rus.
Thomas de la Cnoll.
John de Holteby.

An unnamed prebend:—

Thomas de Cheshull succeeds to
James Fitznicholas.

The provost of the Combe prebends is referred to. During this episcopate

Wm. de Wheathampsted held this office.

The Dean was:—

Edward de la Cnoll.

Members of the Chapter of Wells referred to in Bowet's Register and, when mentioned, the stalls they occupied.

Ashill, prebend of:—

Richard Bruton. He was also Chancellor of the Church.

Barton, prebend of:—

Walter Medeford.

Combe V, prebend of:—

John Makworth.
John Prophete.
Richard Hill.

Combe XIV, prebend of:—

Robert Noel.
Thomas Cryshale.

Compton Dundon, prebend of:—

Roger Harwell.

Dinder, prebend of:—

Hugh Haneworth.
John Halliwell.

Haselbere, prebend of:—

William Marston.
Richard Aldryngton.

Henstridge, prebend of:—

Richard Kingeston.

Ilton, prebend of:—

John Cole.

Milverton, prebend of, attached to Archdeaconry of Taunton :—

Thomas Polton.

Wanstrow, prebend of :—

John Frank.

Wedmore II, prebend of :—

John Gamull.
Thomas Shelford.

Whitchurch, prebend of :—

Richard Courtney.

Wiveliscombe, prebend of :—

John Bathe.

Yatton, prebend of :—

John Sleford.
Thomas Longley.
John Prophete.
John Mackworth.

Other dignitaries referred to :—

Ralph Ergum, Precentor.
Richard Bruton, Chancellor.
Thomas Burgham, Sub-dean.

Other canons mentioned, but without reference to their stalls :—

John Bonyngdon.
Ralph Canoun.
John Canvill.
Thomas Cosin.
Walter Craas.
Richard Drayton.
Richard Kingeston.
Richard Pittes.
Gilbert Stone.
Thomas Terry.
Roger Wodehele.
Walter Wyncaulton.

Diocesan Officials, during episcopate of Henry Bowet.

Archdeacon of Wells :—
Thomas Ikelington.

Archdeacon of Bath :—
Roger Harewell.

Archdeacon of Taunton :—
Ralph Ergum.
Thomas Polton.

Vicar-General :—
Richard Pittes.
Richard Bruton.
Richard Drayton.

General commissioner to punish crimes and to prove wills :—
John Pedewell.

Diocesan Penitentiary :—
Thomas Bingham.

Registrary :—
J. Storthwait.

Barbitonsor :—
Richard Pittes.

Official of the Consistory Court and Commissary-General :—
Richard Drayton.
John Tyssebury.

Special commissioner :—
Richard Bruton.

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ARCHIDIACONATUS WĒLLENSIS. Fo. 64.

i. Die S. Bartholomei Apostoli (Aug. 24), 1264. Presentation to W. Elect of Bath and Wells by J. Abbot of Muchelney of John de Muchelney, chaplain to the vicarage of the church of Mulcheln'. 2 idus Oct. (Oct. 14). Seder of inquisition.

Venerabili patri in Cristo W., Dei gratia Bathoniensi et Wellensi Electo, Officialis domini Archidiaconi Wellensis sal. etc. Ad mandatum vestrum diligentem feci inquisitionem in pleno capitulo de Ivelcestria super articulis in mandato vestro contentis, quæ quidem inquisitio dicit quod vicaria de Mucheln' vacat ad presens per mortem Baldewyny, et hoc a festo Assumptionis B.M.V. proximo preterito (Aug. 15), et quod ad dominos Abbatem et Conventum de Mucheln' spectat presentatio ad dictam vicariam, et quod non est litigiosa neque pensionaria, et quod persona presentata est vir bonæ opinionis, honestæ conversationis et capellanus atque legitimus. De defectibus autem domorum nichil scit capitulum. In cujus rei etc. Dat. ix. kal. Nov. (Oct. 24), A.D. m°cc°lx°iiij.

2 idus Nov. (Nov. 12), 1264. Presentee admitted to the custody. 10 kal. Dec. (Nov. 22). Apud Muchelnyam. Admission and institution.

ii. Thursday after Martinmas (Nov. 13), 1264. Kokelyncton. Presentation of Thomas de Rodebergh clk. to the church of Kokelyncton by Peter de Monteforti.

Fo. 64b. iii. Die sabbati prox. ante festum S. Martini (Nov. 8), A.D. m°cc°lx°iiij^to^. In capitulo de Axebrig'. Decanus et capitulum de Axebrig' dicunt quod vicaria de Lokkinges vacat de jure ab eo tempore quo Walterus de Hamme, vicarius ejusdem ecclesiæ de Lokk', in ecclesia eadem nullam fecit residentiam secundum indulgentiam sibi a Sede Apostolica concessam. Dicunt etiam iidem Decanus et Capitulum quod dictus W. vicarius in vicaria sua nullam fecit residentiam postquam fuit factus vicarius, et quod sepius vocatus ad ordines non est in sacris ordinibus constitutus. Et quod presentatio ad eandem vicariam spectat ad Priorem et Conventum de Worspring, et quod non est litigiosa nec pensionaria, et quod persona presentata legitimus est, idoneus et honestus. Et quod in domibus dictæ vicariæ plures sunt defectus. In cujus rei test. etc.

iv. 6 non. Martii (March 2), 1264–5, anno 1. Rosington. Collation of Nicholas de Weluwe clk. to the church of Axebrig', vacant by the entry of dom. Joseph, late rector of the same, into the Carthusian Order. Same date. Archdeacon of Wells ordered to induct.

v. Thursday, the feast of St. Gregory (March 12), 1264–5. Cynnok'. Presentation of William de Cheynny clk. to the church of Pontigton (Pontington *in marg.*) by William de Cheynny, knt. Archdeacon ordered to make inquisition.

Reverendo patri etc. Officialis dom. Archidiaconi Wellensis etc. Ad mandatum vestrum in pleno capitulo de Merston diligentem feci inquisitionem, quæ dicit quod ecclesia de Pontigton vacans est per resignationem Johannis de Colerne, quondam rectoris ejusdem ecclesiæ, a die Lunæ prox. ante festum S. Gregorii anno presenti (March 9, 1264–5), et quod dom. Willelmus de Cheynny verus patronus est ejusdem, et quod ad ipsum spectat presentatio, et quod valet annuatim centum solidos, nec est pensionaria, et quod persona presentati legitimæ est etatis et de legitimo matrimonio procreatus, bonæ vitæ, conversationis honestæ. Item de defectibus ecclesiæ et domorum nichil scit capitulum.

Die Lunæ prox. ante festum B. Gregorii A.D. 1264–5. Malmesbur'. Resignation of the church of Pontigton by John de Colerne, the rector. In cujus rei test. sigilla dominorum Abbatis Malmesbur' et Archidiaconi de Wyltesir' una cum sigillo meo presentibus apponi procuravi.

11 kal. April. (March 22), 1264–5. Presentee admitted to the custody of the same.

vi. Morrow of St. Matthew the Apostle (Sept. 22), 1264. Fo. 65. Presentation of dom. Nicholas de Strigull', chaplain by the Prior and Convent of Goldclyve to the vicarage of Woolavington. Inquisition ordered. Presentee admitted and instituted.

vii. 17 kal. Aug. (July 16), 1265, et anno consecrationis nostræ primo. Boyton. Commendation of Walter de Wynnok clk. to the church of Tristrestok to which he had been presented by the illustrious Queen of England.

viii. 14 kal. Oct. (Sept. 18), anno consecrationis nostræ primo. Winton. Custody of the church of Wateleg', and of Robert Russel, clk. presented to the same by the nobilis vir dom. R. Walerond, committed to Hamund de Periton clk. during the Archbishop's pleasure.

ix. Die S. Francisci (Oct. 4), 1265. Wrotsale. Reverendo domino suo etc. Officialis domini Archidiaconi Bathoniensis etc. Ad mandatum vestrum diligentem feci inquisitionem super vacatione ecclesiæ de Wrotsale et aliis inquirendis, et repperi quod incepit vacare in crastino S. Matthei Apostoli (Sept. 22) per mortem domini Adæ de Morville, tunc rectoris ejusdem ecclesiæ, et ad dominum Mattheum de Columbariis, ratione hereditatis uxoris suæ, spectat presentatio ad eandem. Non est pensionaria nec litigiosa. Valet secundum communem estimationem xx marcas. Presentatus legitimus, honestus et idoneus, et in ordine subdiaconatus. Et eidem secundum mandatum vestrum custodiam dictæ ecclesiæ commisi.

17 kal. Nov. (Oct. 16), 1265. London. Mem. quod habet commendationem quousque instituatur in eadem.

x. Die Martis ante festum S. Dionisii (Oct. 6), 1265. Apud Montem acutum. Pres. of Richard de Monteacuto to the vicarage of the church of Cinnoc by brother John de Wylton, procurator et custos domus Montisacuti, et ejusdem loci conventus.

Sunday after Michaelmas (Oct. 4), 1265. Pres. of Walter le Blund chaplain to the same by Sir William de Cheynny. 2 idus Oct. (Oct. 14). Inquisition ordered.

Mem. quod istud negotium commissum est officiali. Dicit capitulum quod vicaria de Cynnoc Monachorum vacat per mortem Rogeri, vicarii ecclesiæ dicti loci, a die Sabbati proxima post festum S. Michaelis proximo preteritum. (Oct. 3.) Dicit

etiam quod presentatio dictæ vicariæ spectat ad Priorem et Conventum de Monte acuto, et quod litigiosa est eo quod dom. Willelmus de Cheynni miles opponit se, presentando Walterum le Blund capellanum ad dictam vicariam. Non est pensionaria, valet duas marcas. Presentatus legitimus est, idoneus et bene morigeratus.

Fo. 65b. Die Jovis proxima post festum S. Lucæ Ewangelistæ (Oct. 22), 1265. Odecumbe. Venerabili patri etc. Officialis domini Archidiaconi Wellensis etc. Ad mandatum vestrum in pleno capitulo Yvelcestriæ diligentem feci inquisitionem, qui dicit quod vicaria de Cynnoc Monachorum vacat ad presens per mortem Rogeri vicarii quondam ecclesiæ dicti loci, a die Sabbati proxima post festum B. Michaelis anno presenti. Dicit etiam quod presentatio ad dictam vicariam non spectat ad dom. Willelmum de Cheynny militem. De persona presentati dicti militis nichil scit nisi bonum. Dicit etiam quod litigiosa est dicta vicaria, eo quod Prior et Conventus montis acuti presentavit (*sic*) similiter ad eandem Magistrum Ricardum de Monte acuto. Non est pensionaria et valet duas marcas per annum. De aliis circumstanciis nichil scit inquisitio. In cujus rei etc.

xi. *Littera institutionis.* W. permissione etc. Tali Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali salutem etc. Quia nos ad presentationem talis talem ad vicariam talis ecclesiæ admisimus et canonice constituimus in eadem, vobis mandamus quatinus ipsum in corporalem possessionem ejusdem inducatis, et inductum per censuram ecclesiasticam defendatis etc. Dat. etc.

xii. Die B. Katerinæ (Nov. 25), anno gratiæ m°cc°lx°v^to^ et consecrationis nostræ primo. London. Universis etc. Noveritis quod nos dilecto in Cristo filio Roberto, rectori ecclesiæ de Lymigton, nostræ diocesis, lepræ languore sicut placet Salvatori resperso, pia paternitate compatientes ut tenemur, dilectum nobis in Cristo Bartholomeum de la Haye capellanum in coadjutorem et custodem sui et ecclesiæ supradictæ, prout impotentia sua id plenius deposcebat, usque ad triennium duximus assignandum. Volentes et ordinantes quod eidem infirmo in propriis domibus vel alibi honeste commoranti per custodem ipsius supradictum ad suam et sibi servientium debitam sustentationem in festis Paschæ et B. Michaelis xx^ti^ maræ de proventibus ecclesiæ suæ annuatim sine mora ministrentur. Residuo vero proventuum predictorum eidem custodi totaliter remanente, ita quod onera ordinaria et extraordinaria, cum

acciderint, idem custos agnoscat et persolvat de propria portione, et dictum languentem, tanquam lapso pium debitum prebens relevamen, honeste et decenter studeat pertractare. Ut autem idem infirmus infra septa curiæ personatus (?)[2] sui competens oratorium sibi erigere valeat ac divina inibi audire, eidem annuimus et concedimus per presentes. Valeat.

xiii. Die Jovis prox. ante festum B. Edmundi Regis et Martiris (Nov. 19), anno gratiæ m°cc° sexagesimo quinto, et consecrationis nostræ anno primo. Suthcadebir'. Pres. of Robert de Bosco chaplain to the church of Suthcadebir' by Peter de Bosco. Committitur Officiali.

Die Jovis prox. post festum S. Lucæ (Oct. 22), 1265. Pres. of Peter de Brug' clk. to the same by Sir Ralph Russel'. Et iterum committitur Officiali.

xiv. 6 idus Dec. (Dec. 8), 1265, sine data. Pres. by J. de Holteby of his clerk Hugh to the church of Wrytelmarton. Committitur Officiali.

xv. Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), 1265–6. Presentation of Thomas de Monteforti clk. to the church of Crorston by Oliver de Dineham. Committitur Officiali.[2] Fo. 66.

xvi. Feb. 12. 1265–6. Presentation of John de Modiford clk. to the church of Sutton Chauvel by William de Wingeham.

xvii. 13 kal. April (March 20), 1265–6, Glaston'. Presentation of Galter dictus Clergmund chaplain to the church of St. Peter of Ivelcestre by R. the Abbot and Convent of Glaston', saving the annual pension of half a marc. Committitur Decano. Wellensi et Officiali sub alternatione ita quod tradant custodiam.

xviii. Mem. quod Magister Nicholaus Sylveyn presentatus est ad ecclesiam de Penne per Ricardum Fromund. Non. Aprilis, consecrationis anno ij. (April 5, 1266). Committitur Decano et Wellensi Officiali sub alternatione.

xix. 10 kal. Maii, anno consecrationis ij (April 22, 1266). Mem. quod sequestrum ecclesiæ de Weston factum pro eo quod rector ipsius non venit ad ordines religiosos.

xx. Wednesday after the feast of the Assumption of the B.M. (Aug. 15), 1266. Farley'. Presentation of Richard clk. to the church of la Rode by Laurence de Sancto Mauro. Archdeacon of Wells ordered to make inquisition in usual form.

xxi. 13 kal. Nov. (Oct. 20), 1266. Presentation of Mr. Godfrey Giffard to the church of Melles by the Abbot and Convent of Glaston', salva annua pensione xx*s*, salvis etiam

nichilominus nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ Glaston' fructibus primi anni de eadem ecclesia percipiendis secundum indulgentiam dom. Alexandri Papæ iiij^{ti} nobis super hoc concessam. iiij idus Nov. (Nov. 10), anno supradicto. Committitur Officiali ut faciat commendationem.

Fo. 70. JURISDICTIO DECANI WELLENSIS ET ABBATIS GLASTON'.

xxii. 11 kal. April. anno gratiæ M^{o}CC^{o} lx^{o} quarto et consecrationis nostræ primo (March 22, 1264–5). Wykham W. permissione etc. Decano vel eo non presente subdecano Wellensi etc. Quia prebendam (de Eston *in marg.*) quæ fuit Roberti de Marisco defuncti in ecclesia nostra Wellensi vacantem dilecto nobis in Cristo Magistro Thomæ de la Cnolle contulimus intuitu caritatis vobis mandamus quatinus eidem Thomæ uel ejusdem vicario aut etiam procurati suo nomine stallum in choro ac locum in capitulo assignantes, in fratrem et concanonicum dictum Thomam admitti faciatis. Valeat.

5 kal. April (March 28), 1265, anno j. Wykham. W. etc. Decano Wellensi etc. Prebendam (de Eston *in marg.*) que fuit nuper Roberti de Marisco defuncti jam in ecclesia nostra Wellensi vacantem, consistentem in ecclesia de Eston, dilecto in Cristo filio Magistro W. Russel contulimus intuitu caritatis, quo circa vobis mandamus quatinus investituram suprædictæ prebendæ sibi prout moris est assignetis vice nostra. Valeat.

7 idus Dec. (Dec. 7), 1265, anno j. London. Mem. quod dominus Episcopus commisit vices suas Subdecano Wellensi ad recipiendum vicarium quem Magister W. le Rus proponit constituere in ecclesia sua prebendali de Eston.

xxiii. W. etc. Decano Wellensi etc. Prebendam (burseriæ *in marg.*) quæ fuit nuper Magistri W. le Rus in ecclesia nostra Wellensi jam vacantem consistentem in pecunia dilecto in Cristo filio Magistro Thomæ de la Knolle contulimus intuitu caritatis quo circa vobis mandamus etc.

xxiv. 4 idus Dec. Anno consecrationis primo (Dec. 10, 1265). Wyndelsor'. W. etc. Decano et Capitulo Wellensi etc. Quia prebendam quæ fuit Jacobi filii Nicholai in ecclesia nostra Wellensi dilecto in Cristo filio Magistro Thomæ de Cheshull' concanonico vestro, ac prebendam de Holecumbe quæ fuit predicti Johannis (*sic*) dilecto nobis in Cristo Magistro Hugoni de la Mote contulimus intuitu caritatis, vobis mandamus

quatinus predicto Magistro J. prebendam supradictam quæ fuit Jacobi antedicti assignetis nomine nostro, et dictum Magistrum H. in fratrem et concanonicum admittentes sibi stallum in choro et locum in capitulo curetis assignare. Val'.

Mem. de presentatione facta Exoniensi Episcopo ad ecclesiam de Holecumbe de persona Magistri H. de la Mote. Dat. ut supra.

Kal. Feb., anno consecrationis nostræ secundo (Feb. 1, 1265–6). London. Mem. quod Magister Hugo de la Mote habet per commutationem prebendam Wellensem consistentem in pecunia numerata, et dom. Johannes de Holteby prebendam de Holecumbe Exoniensis diocesis quæ fuit predicti Magistri Hugonis. Fo. 70b.

xxv. Purification of the B.M. (Feb. 2), 1265–6. Presentation of John de la Clych' clk. to the church of Sutton by William de Merton, canon of Wells. The presentee admitted and inducted by the Dean of Wells, but not instituted because not yet in holy orders.

xxvi. 6 idus April, consecrationis nostræ anno secundo (April 8, 1266). W. permissione etc. dilecto in Cristo filio Henrico de Kemeseye, vicario ecclesiæ de Pulton etc. Ad instantiam dilecti nobis in Cristo domini Hugonis de la Penne, dominæ Reginæ Thesaurarii, quod in ipsius per annum sequentem stare possis servitio, et a vicaria tua per idem tempus abesse, quia idem H. de tua industria et fidelitate confidet; liberam tibi tenore presentium concedimus facultatem, ita tamen quod capellanum idoneum administrandum in dicta ecclesia cum ministris sufficientibus interim constituas loco tui, et animarum cura nullatenus negligatur.

xxvii. 13 kal. Nov., anno ij. (Oct. 20, 1266). Mem. quod subdecanatus Wellensis collatus Magistro W. le Rus. Mem. quod prebenda de Boclande collata [est] domino J. de Holteby. (Resignavit *in marg.*) Mem. quod prebenda de Holecumbe collata est domino Rogero, senescallo domini Exoniensis (Non acceptavit *in marg.*).

xxviii. In crastino S. Clementis Papæ anno consecrationis ij° (Nov. 18, 1266). Mem. quod prebenda de Holecumbe collata est Magistro Willelmo Archidiacono Sancti Sereni in ecclesia Caturicensi.

In crastino B. Clementis papæ et Martiris, A.D.M°CC° sexagesimo sexto. In castro apud Carilhordam (Kenilworth). Slip of parchment sewn

to the folio. A draft. Walterus miseratione divina Bathon. et Wellen. Episcopus, discreto viro ac in Cristo sibi karissimo Magistro W., Archidiacono S. Sereni in ecclesia Caturicensi, salutem in salutis auctore. Cum reverendus pater dominus O., S. Adriani Diaconus Cardinalis, Apostolicæ Sedes Legatus, nos dudum duxerit deprecandos, ut in ecclesia nostra Wellensi provideremus uni de suis clericis de beneficio prebendali quam cito ad id se facultas offerret, ac postmodum idem dominus de prebenda de Holecumbe, ejusdem ville jam vacante per liberam resignationem domini J. de Holteby, vobis per nos mandaverit provideri. Nos preces ejusdem domini benevolo prosequentes affectu, divinæ karitatis intuitu, suorum quoque precaminum interventu, vobis de prefata prebenda vacante auctoritate nostra ordinaria providemus, eamque cum omnibus juribus et pert. suis ac plenitudine juris canonici vobis conferimus, et vos de ipsis per nostrum annulum investimus. In cujus rei test. litteras nostras vobis concedimus sigillis nostri munimine consignatas.

Fo. 71. [2]Blank.

Fo. 71b. [3]xxix. 3 idus Julii, consecrationis nostræ anno primo (July 13, 1265). Well'. W. permissione etc. Preposito de Cumb' etc. Ad presentationem tuam dilectum nobis in Cristo Willelmum de Hehwrth' capellanum ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Cumb', vacantem et ad presentationem tuam spectantem admittemus gratiose et instituimus in eadem. Quo circa tibi mandamus, quatinus eundem W. in corporalem possessionem dictæ vicariæ sicut convenit inducas et defendas inductum. Valeat.

Fo. 79.

ARCHIDIACONATUS TANTONIENSIS.

xxx. Eve of the Nativity of the B.M. (Sept. 7), 1264. Presentation of Robert de Brutton clk. to the church of Bradeford by Thomas de Aldeham knt. and Ysabella his wife, heiress of the late Monte acuto.

Inquisitio ejusdem. Die Martis prox. post festum S. Lucæ Evangelistæ (Oct. 21), A.D. 1264. Stapelisgrave. W. miseratione divina etc. Electo. Officialis dom. Archidiaconi Tantoniensis, sal. etc. Ad mandatum vestrum feci inquisitionem fieri in capitulo nostro prout moris est super ecclesia de Bradeford et Roberto de Brueton clerico ad eandem presentato. Et dicit inquisitio in hac forma:—Quod Thomas Paynel clericus presentatus erat ad ecclesiam de Bradeford per dominam Hawysiam de Neyvile, et

missus fuit in possessionem dictæ ecclesiæ per Archidiaconum loci, sede vacante, et sic non vacat de facto, et sic per dictum Thomam litigiosa est. Item dicit inquisitio quod verus est patronus dom. Thomas de Aldeham nomine Ysabellæ uxoris suæ, quæ heres est manerii de Bradeford, sicut in ista inquisitione didicerunt pro certo. Item pensionaria est in quinque solidis solvendis monachis de Bermundisey annuatim, et estimata est in quatuordecim marcis. Item quod Robertus de Brueton clericus presentatus ad dictam ecclesiam per dom. Thomam de Aldeham bene morigeratus est et honestæ conversationis. Valeat.

xxxi. Die B. Katerinæ (Nov. 25), 1264. Presentation of Henry de Ralegh clk. to the church of Brimpton. Fitz Urse and William de Ralegh.

xxxii. 15 kal. Oct. (Oct. 18), 1265, anno 1. Wynton. Collation of Lambert de Welle clk. to the church of Kantokesheved, ad presentationem nostram auctoritate Concilii devolutam. Archdeacon of Taunton ordered to induct.

xxxiii. Mem. quod Symon de Insula clericus presentatus est ad ecclesiam de Thorn' fagun per dominum Regem, et etiam per Gilbertum dominum de Thorn'. et est istud negotium commissum officiali.

xxxiv. In octavis S. Martini, anno consecrationis primo (Oct. 18, 1265). Mem. quod Walterus Daubeny habet commendationem ecclesiæ de Wyneford ad beneplacitum domini Episcopi duraturam.

xxxv. Eve of the Epiphany (Jan. 5), 1265–6. Presentation of John de Bradene to the church of Bradene by John de Horton. 17 kal. Feb. (Jan. 16), anno consecrationis primo. Letter of inquisition.

xxxvi. Octave of St. Hilary (Oct. 20), 1265–6. Presentation of William de Bauton chaplain to the church of Taland by brother R. de Ver, Prior of the house of the Hospital of Jerusalem in England. Fo. 79b.

xxxvii. 12 kal. Feb. (Jan. 21), 1265–6. Presentation of Henry de Surreye chaplain to the vicarage of Superderton by William Prior and the Convent of Bruton, salvis nobis et aliis pensionibus inde debitis. 4 kal. Feb. (Jan. 29). Dean of Wells ordered to make inquisition in the usual form.

xxxviii. 10 Jan., 50 Hen. iii (1265–6). Norhampton. Presentation by Queen Alyanora of Walter de Albyniaco to the church of Curyriuel. Inquisition ordered.

xxxix. Sunday after Martinmas (Nov. 15), 1265. Presentation of Nicholas de Welewe clk. to the church of Norton by Tanton by Peter de Chavent knt. Sir Thomas de Audham knt, presented the same Nicholas to the same church. Et est negotium istud commissum Archidiacono Tanton. et Subdecano Wellen. sub alternatione.

xl. 4 March, 1265–6. Sutp'eton. Presentation of John de Craucumbe clk. to the church of Sut Braden' by John de Horton. Committitur Decano Well.

xli. mem. quod Nicholaus Silveyn presentatus est ad ecclesia de Penne. *Vacat quia alibi registratur.*

xlii. x kal. Maii, anno consecrationis ij (April 22, 1266). Mem. quod sequestrum ecclesiæ de Gahurste factum pro eo quod rector non venit ad ordines religiosos.

xliii. xvj° kal. Junii, anno consecrationis secundo (May 17, 1266). Mem. quod Johannes de Crukerne capellanus presentatus ad capellam de Wayford per Baudewynum de Wayford admissus est et institutus.

Fo. 83.

ARCHIDIACONATUS BATHONIENSIS.

xliv. 14 kal. Nov. (Oct. 19), 1264. London. Presentation by W. Bishop of Salisbury of dom. Martin de Litlebyr' to the church of Bedministr', quæ cum suis pert. est prebenda ecclesiæ nostræ Sarr'. Order from William, Elect of Bath and Wells, to the Archdeacon of Bath to induct dom. Martin de Litlebyr' into the church of Bedmenistr' with its chapels and appurtenances to which he had been presented by William, Bishop of Salisbury.

xlv. Wednesday after the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle (Sept. 23), 1265. Presentation of William Gereberd clk. to the church of Wrotsal by Matthew de Columbariis. 6 kal. Oct. (Sept. 26), 1265. Archdeacon of Bath ordered to make inquisition, and if the church be vacant and the presentee fit, to grant him custody of the same during the Bishop's pleasure, 5 non. martii, anno i, (March 3, 1265–6). Instituted.

xlvi. 6 kal. Oct., anno consecrationis j° (Sept. 26, 1265). Licence to Roger de Evesham, rector of Stoke super mare, to let his church for three years, ita quod debitis obsequiis etc.

xlvii. 12 kal. Maii, anno consecrationis ij (April 20, 1266). Oxon. Mem. quod relaxatur sequestrum vicariæ ecclesiæ de Weston factum pro eo quod vicarius non venit ad ordines.

xlviiii. Mense Maii, 1266. In capitulo nostro. Presentation of Reginald de Bristoll clk. to the church of Ubbeleye, vacant by the resignation of J., Subdean of Wells, by Robert Abbot and the Convent of Keynesh'. 5 kal. Junii (May 28), 1266. Mem. quod habet custodiam.

xlix. Thursday before Trinity (May 20), 1266. Bacwelle. Fo. 83b. Presentation of Gwydo de Senigdon clk. to the portion of the church of Bacwelle, vacant by the resignation of dom. William late rector, by Ela la Sore. Non. Junii, anno ij (June 6, 1266). Norh'. Dean of Wells ordered to complete the presentation.

l. 4 idus Junii, anno ij (June 10, 1266). Norh'. Licence to William, rector of the church of Littleton, to let his church for three years to a fitting person to be approved by the Official.

li. Mem. quod Magister Benedictus rector ecclesiæ de Septon Belli campi habet litteram directam Officiali, quod licentiam tribuat ei eundi ad scol' et ponendi ecclesiam suam ad firmam, si videret Officiali quod proficeret in scol'.

lii. 11 kal. Nov., anno consecrationis nostræ secundo (Oct. 22, 1266). Suo Magistro W. Officiali etc. Mandamus vobis quatinus considerantes attentius si dilectus filius W. rector ecclesiæ de Rouebiz proficere possit et velit in studio ad propriam et subditæ sibi plebis salutem, ut per annum sequentem in theologia et jure canonico valeat studore, et ecclesiam suam predictam ecclesiasticæ personæ et idoneæ ad firmam committere sibi auctoritate nostra tribuatis facultatem, ita tamen quod hospitalitas et debitum obsequium in eadem ecclesia interim sicut convenit observentur, alioquin defectus hujusmodi de proventibus suis suppleri faciemus. Valeat.

liii. Custos ecclesiæ de Gahurste in eadem forma preter firmam.

Bowet Episcopus.

ab — 1401

ad — 1409

REGISTRUM HENRICI BOWET.

Fo. primus.

Registrum venerabilis patris domini Henrici Bowet Dei gracia ecclesiarum Bathonensium et Wellensium Electi et confirmati de institutionibus, collacionibus et permutacionibus beneficiorum, et aliis literis emanantibus, prout patet inferius evidenter, anno Domini Millesimo quadringentisimo primo.

1. 10 Nov. A.D. 1401. William Warwyke, priest, rector (as he asserted) of the parish church of Stokegyfford, resigned his said church into the bishop's hands, in his house at London.

Present. Master John Sknapp, Doctor of Laws, John Syggesdon, dean of Stafford, Sir Thomas Terry, canon of Wells.

2. 11th day of the same month in the year abovesaid. Henry, elect and confirmed of the churches of Bath and Wells, to Sir Thomas Tribulos, priest. We confer on you the parish church of Stokegyffard, vacant by the free resignation of Sir William Warwyke, the last rector.

Same day, place, and year. Mandate to the archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct the said Sir Thomas.

On the Feast of St. Edmund the King, A.D. 1401, in the Church of St. Paul, London, the said Lord of Bath and Wells, elect, was consecrated Bishop and pastor of the said churches of Bath and Wells by the reverend father and lord in Christ Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the presence of Henry, king of England, and very many other bishops. Viz., on the 15th day of November.

3. 20th Nov., A.D. 1401. In a chamber of the bishop's house, in the suburb of London, Masters Walter Craas and John Canvill, canons of Wells, resigned all right, possession and title which they had in the canonical houses which were Master Gilbert Stone's, formerly canon and residenciary there.

Present. Master William Byllesdon, Bachelor of Laws and the said reverend father's Chancellor. Thomas Bowet, esquire.

4. Bishop Henry to Masters Richard Pittes and Walter Craas, canons of Wells. We commit to you jointly and severally

our offices to receive and admit the presentation to the parish church of Corscombe, vacant by the death of Sir Nicholas Forde, the last rector, made by dame Elizabeth Palton to Sir William Oldemyxton, priest, and canonically to institute him, and to order him to be inducted.

Dated in our house, at London, 22 Nov. A.D. 1401.

5. On the 22nd day of the same month, day and year above written, the lord conferred the canonical houses which were Master Gilbert Stone's, late canon of Wells, on the venerable man, Master Walter Craas, canon of the same church.

[Collation recited in full.]

London as above.

6. Henry, by divine permission Bishop of Bath and Wells to Sir Walter Gybbes, perpetual vicar of the church of Wells. We confer on you the house which Sir Richard Brere, perpetual vicar of the same church, last inhabited, whilst he lived, within the vicars' new close. Fo. 2.

London, 22 Nov. A.D. 1401.

Same day, place and year, the reverend father conferred on Sir Thomas Bugworth the house which Sir John Fysch, perpetual vicar of Wells, last inhabited, within the vicars' new close.

7. Bishop Henry to Nicholas Modeford, rector of the parish church of Culmyngton. We grant you special licence that you may absent yourself from your said church in a fitting place for two years continuously from the date of these presents, and let your same church to farm to fitting parsons for the same time. When the two years are ended you shall return to your said church and personally reside there.

London, 22nd November A.D. 1401.

8. Bishop Henry to Master John Bedewell, Bachelor of Laws.

General commission to punish crimes, prove wills, &c.

London, 23rd Nov. A.D. 1401.

9. Licence for Elizabeth Paulet to have masses celebrated by fitting chaplains in her oratories within the diocese, in the presence of herself and her *familiæ*.

London, as above.

10. Same day, month and year. Bishop Henry received the commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, concerning an exchange to be made between John Lane, rector of the parish church of Hemyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Taylor, rector of the parish church of Cheryton Episcopi,

diocese of Exeter, and admitted the said Sir John Taylor to the said church of Hemyngton, to which he was presented by Sir Edward Courteney, knight, the patron, and conferred on the said Sir John Lane the said church of Cheryton, and instituted them as rectors in the same.

11. 1st Dec. in the year abovesaid. Richard Benet, rector of the parish church of Claverton, diocese of Bath and Wells, resigned the same church.

Present: Sir Thomas Tutebury, dean of Wells, Masters William Billesdon and John Syggeston, Bachelors of Laws.

Fo. 3. 12. Bishop Henry to the official of his Consistory Court of Wells and his Commissary-general, and other officers and ministers in his diocese.

We make known to you by these presents that, whereas John Wodeman, perpetual vicar of the church of Southepedyrton, happens to be absent from his said vicarage for some time on account of the rights of his vicarage, we have decreed by these presents that his absence is excused as long as he shall be occupied about such rights.

London, 1 Dec., A.D. 1401.

13. Bishop Henry to William Canoun, clerk. We confer on you the parish church of Claverton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Richard Benet, the last rector, and institute you in the same this 3rd day of December, A.D. 1401.

London.

Same day, &c. Mandate to the Archdeacon of Bath to induct the said William Canoun.

14. Same day, place, month and year, the lord Henry, bishop, &c., received the commission of John, bishop of Ely, concerning an exchange to be made between Sir Thomas de Breton, rector of the parish church of Stauley, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Solomon Broun, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Tryppelow, diocese of Ely (the resignation of John Brystlyngton, clerk, proctor of the said Solomon, of the vicarage of Tryppelow having been received), and admitted the said John Brystlyngton, in the person of the said Sir Solomon, to the said church of Stauley, to which he was presented by William Paulet, esquire, the patron, and conferred the said vicarage of Tryppelow, belonging to the collation of the said bishop of Ely, on the said Sir Thomas Breton.

15. 4 Dec. in the year abovesaid, Bishop Henry received

the commission of Edmund, Bishop of Exeter, concerning an exchange to be made between John Brent, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Halse, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Thomas Heryngeston, rector of the parish church of Mattyngho, diocese of Exeter, and having received the resignation of the said Sir Thomas, of his church of Mattyngho, admitted Sir Richard Norys, chaplain, proctor of the said Sir Thomas to the vicarage of Halse, to which he was presented by Walter Grendon, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, and Sir Hugh Bremham, proctor of the said Sir John Brent, to the church of Mattyngho, to which he was presented by John ap Rappocode, "domicellus," and instituted them as rector and vicar.

16. Bishop Henry to John Grenlaw, Bishop "Soltaniensis." Fo. 4. Being unable personally to exercise all things committed to us, as we are occupied with divers arduous affairs concerning us and our church, and the state of the kingdom.—Ad confirmandum igitur et fronte crismanda, per vestrarum sacrarum manuum imposicionem, quoscumque nostros subditos sacri baptismatis unda renatos, ecclesias et cimiteria sanguinis aut seminis effusione polluta reconciliandum; necnon ecclesias ac altaria majora et principalia, que necessaria fuerint et de jure seu sanctorum patrum Constitucionibus dedicari seu consecrari debeant, et non alia, in ecclesiis, monasteriis aut perpetuis capellis dotatis proprium sacerdotem habentibus nostrarum civitatum et diocesis omnium et singulorum quorum inter est expresso accedente consensu: necnon altaria viatica sive portat(ilia), que superaltaria vulgariter appellamus, in debita forma dedicandum et consecrandum, ac calices, vestimenta, et alia ornamenta ecclesiastica quecunque benedicendum, ac temporibus a jure statutis personis beneficiatis et aliis quibuscunque nostrarum civitatum et diocesis per suos ordinarios sufficienter dimissis, titulosque sufficienter exhibentes, tam minores quam sacros sibi convenientes ordines in quacunque nostrarum civitatum et diocesis ecclesia conferendum, fraternitate vestre reverende, de qua fiduciam in Domino gerimus specialem, comittimus vices nostras.

London, 9 Dec. A.D. 1401.

Bonifacius episcopus servus servorum Dei dilecto filio Johanni Grenlaw, electo Soltaniensi, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Apostolicatus officium quamquam insufficientibus

meritis nobis ex alto commissum, quo ecclesiarum omnium regimini presidemus utiliter exequi, coadjuvante Domino, cupientes soliciti corde reddimur et solertes, ut cum de ipsarum regiminibus agitur committendis, tales eis in pastores preficere studeamus; qui commissum sibi gregem dominicum sciant non solum doctrina verbi, sed exemplo boni operis informare, commissasque sibi ecclesias in statu pacifico et tranquillo velut et valeant, duce Domino, salubriter regere et feliciter gubernare, dudum siquidem bone memorie Bonifacio Episcopo Soltaniensi presidente. Nos cupientes eidem ecclesie cum vacaret, per apostolice sedis providenciam, utilem et ydoneam presidere personam, provisione in ejusdem ecclesie ordinacione et disposicione nostra ea jure specialiter reservanda; decernentes ex tunc initum et inane si secus super hiis per quoscumque quavis auctoritate scientes vel ignorantes contigerit attemptari. Postmodum vero prefata ecclesia per obitum dicti Bonifacii episcopi, qui extra Romanam curiam diem clausit extremum, pastoris solacio destituta. Nos, vacacione hujusmodi fide dignis relatoribus intellecta, ad provisionem ipsius ecclesie celerem et felicem de qua nullus preter nos hac vice se intromittere potuit neque potest reservacione et decreto obsistentibus supradictis, ne ecclesia ipsa longe vacacione exponeretur incommodis paternis et solicitis studiis intendentes, post deliberacionem quam de preficiendo eidem ecclesie personam utilem et eciam fructuosam cum fratribus nostris habuimus diligentem. Demum ad te ordinis Fratrum Minorum professorem in sacerdotio constitutum, cui de religionis zelo, litterarum sciencia, honestata morum, spiritualium providencia et temporalium circumspeccione, aliisque multiplicum virtutum donis, apud nos fidedigna testimonia perhibentur, duximus oculos nostre mentis quibus omnibus debita meditacione pensatis de persona tua nobis et eisdem fratribus ob dictorum tuorum exigenciam meritorum, accepta eidem ecclesie de eorundem fratrum nostrorum consilio, auctoritate apostolica, providemus, teque illi preficimus in episcopum et pastorem, curam et administracionem ipsius ecclesie, tibi in spiritualibus et temporalibus plenarie committendo in illo qui dat gracias et largitur premia, confidententes quod ipsa ecclesia per tue circumspeccionis industriam et providenciam circumspectam, sub tuo felici regimine, dextera Domini tibi assistente propicia salubriter et prospere dirigetur, grataque in eisdem spiritualibus et tem-

poralibus suscipiet incrementa. Volumus autem quod, quamprimum presentes literas habueris expeditas ad prefatam ecclesiam te transferas et resideas personaliter in eadem, quodque extra tuas civitatem et diocesim Soltanen' pontificalia officia nequeas exercere. Quocirca, discrecioni tue per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus impositum tibi a Domino onus regiminis dicte ecclesie suscipiens reverenter, sic te in ejus cura salubriter exercenda, diligentem exhibeas et eciam studiosum, quod ipsa ecclesia gubernatori provido et fructuoso administratori gaudeat se commissam, tuque preter eterne retribucionis premium nostram et dicte sedis benediccionem et graciam exinde uberius consequi merearis. Datum Rome, apud Sanctum Petrum, xij kal. Oct. pontificatus nostri anno undecimo.

Instrument of John Penne, clerk of the diocese of Lincoln, notary public, certifying that Thomas, bishop of "Crispolitanensis," (John, bishop of "Sorensis," and Thomas, bishop of "Constanciensis" assisting) "Duxit consecrandum" and consecrated brother John Grenelow, of the order of Friars Minors, "electus Soltaniensis," as bishop, "sibique signa episcopalia per ordinem conferendo et contulit, ut est moris," on the 8th day of September in the 12th year of the pontificate of Pope Boniface the ninth, in the great chapel within the Hospital of St. Mary of Redelem in the suburb without Bishopsgate; there being then there present, Masters Henry Northlod', Thomas Bekete, notaries public, John Merchant, and Richard Waldescheff, "literati" of the dioceses of Bath and Wells and London.

London, 13th Dec. A.D. 1401.

17. At London, 13th Dec. A.D. 1401. Letters dimissory for Fo. 5.
Master John Rathe, subdeacon, rector of the parish church of Wroxhale, to the orders of deacon and priest.

18. Bishop Henry to Master John Bathe, clerk.

On the 2nd day of November, A.D. 1401, when we were already elect and confirmed, we conferred on you a canonry of our said church of Wells and the prebend of Wyvelescombe, then vacant. And on the 9th day of November we caused you to be inducted by the sub-dean and *locum tenens* of the dean and chapter of Wells and admitted. For better testimony of the premises we have caused these our letters patent to be made.

London, 12th Dec. in the year abovesaid.

Bishop Henry to Master Richard Bruton, priest.

19. We admit you, in the person of Sir William Hope, your

proctor, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Menhede, vacant by the death of Sir Matthew Skiott, the last perpetual vicar of the same, to which you are presented by the Prior and Convent of Bruton, the true patrons, and institute you in the same.

15th Dec. in the year abovesaid.

Same day, &c. Mandate to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

20. On the 12th day of the same month in the year abovesaid. Bishop Henry received the commission of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, concerning an exchange to be made between William Papelon, perpetual vicar of the church of Westclyve, diocese of Canterbury, and John Midderhill, rector of the church of Rounyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells. And having received the resignation of the said Sir William Papelon of his vicarage of Westclyve, he admitted the said Sir John Midderhil to the vicarage of Westclyve, to which he was presented by the Prior and Chapter of Canterbury, and the said William Papelon to the said church of Rounyngton, to which he was presented by the Prior and Convent of Taunton, and instituted them as rector and perpetual vicar.

Dated at London.

21. 14th day of the same month, year and place abovesaid.

Licence for William Staunton, rector of the church of Lympesham, to absent himself for two years.

22. Bishop Henry to David Michell, subdeacon.

We grant you faculty that you may be promoted to the holy orders of deacon and priest.

Fo. 6. Same day, &c. Letters dimissory for John Swyft, rector of the church of Dychesyate, to the orders of deacon and priest.

Same day, &c. Letters dimissory for Thomas Russell, having the first tonsure, to all holy orders.

Same day, &c. Letters dimissory for Nicholas Hulle, deacon, to the order of priest.

23. 16th day of the same month. Letters dimissory for John Knyfe, deacon, to the order of priest.

20th day of the same month, in the year abovesaid.

24. Licence for Robert Hulle, to have masses and other divine services celebrated in all his oratories in the diocese, at the said bishop's pleasure.

25. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Drayton, canon of

Wells. We commit our offices to you to receive and admit the presentation to the church of Fydyngton, vacant by the death of Sir Matthew Skiott, the last rector, made to William Touker, priest, by the noble man Robert Hull, "domicellus," to be delivered to you ; also to inquire touching the right of the patronage of the same church, and to institute the said Sir William.

In our house, at London, 19th Dec. in the year abovesaid.

26. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Drayton, canon of Wells, and our official. We commit our offices to you to dispense William Bonet, our clerk, concerning defect of birth.

London, 19th Dec. A.D. 1401.

27. Same day, &c. Licence for Master John Blew, doctor of laws, rector of the church of Benancre, to absent himself from his church at the lord's pleasure.

28. 26th November A.D. 1401 the Bishop received the letter of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his house at London, in these words.—Thomas, Archbishop, &c. to Henry Bishop of Bath and Wells. Whereas, the deanery of Wells being lately vacant for so long that the collation thereof devolved upon us, we conferred it on Sir Thomas Tuttebury, priest, and instituted him in the same, and John Maydenhith dean of Chichester, our special commissary in that behalf removed Sir Nicholas Slake, then the illegal withholder of the said deanery, as we understand, by decree, and caused the said Thomas to be inducted. Nevertheless certain sons of iniquity, whose names and surnames the said Thomas asserts that he is altogether ignorant of, have hindered the said Thomas from holding possession of his stall aforesaid. We commit and command you that you warn or cause all such hinderers to be warned to desist from such hindrances within six days from the time of such your warning under pain of greater excommunication. We also command you that you admit the said Thomas, and no other Fo. 7.
as Dean, and receive from him the canonical obedience due to you from him ; and compel the canons of the said church to aid the said Thomas as their Dean. Certify us what you do.

Dated in our manor of Lambeth, 14th November A.D. 1401.

On the same 26th day of November Bishop Henry expedited the matter of the said letter and admitted the said Sir Thomas and ordered him to be installed &c.

(The Bishop's letters dated 26th November, are in full) and ordered all hinderers to be cited to desist within six days.

Contradictors and rebels against these orders are to be cited to appear in the chapel in the Bishop's house, in the parish of St. Clement outside Temple Bar.

Fo. 8. 29. 17th January in the year abovesaid [A.D. 1401–2]. Licence for John Manfeld, rector of the church of Nuny to absent himself for a year.

30. Permutacio domorum vicariorum infra clausum Wellarum.

Bishop Henry to Masters Richard Pittes and Richard Drayton, canons of Wells. Robert Burgh and John Hethen, vicars of the choir of our church of Wells, propose to exchange their houses within the vicar's close of Wells. We commit our offices to you to hear and discuss the causes of the said exchange, certifying us what you do.

London, 18th January A.D. 1401–2.

31. Bishop Henry to Masters Richard Drayton, his official, and Thomas Byngham, sub-dean of Wells.

Ad expellendum seu expelli jubendum ab ecclesia in die Cinerum annuatim, ut moris est, subditos nostros publice penitentes et eosdem in Cena Domini ad gremium sancte matris ecclesie reconciliandum cum solempnitate in premissis debita et consueta, vobis conjunctim et divisim vices nostros donec eas duxerimus revocandas committimus per presentes.

London, 18th Jan. A.D. 1401.

32. Bishop Henry to Masters Richard Drayton and Richard Pyttes, canons of Wells.

Whereas Sirs John Elynale, rector of the parish church of Fernburgh, of our diocese, and Edmund Elyote, rector of the parish church of Batecombe, diocese of Sarum, intend to exchange their said benefices, and have obtained presentations to the said churches from Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight. We commit our offices to you to examine the said matter, to admit the said John to the church of Batecombe and the said Edmund to the church of Farnburgh, and to institute them as rectors in the same.

London, 18th January A.D. 1401–2.

33. Bishop Henry to the same. We commit our offices to you to appoint fit persons as our penitenciaries in the church of Bath, and also in all deaneries of our diocese as it shall seem convenient to you, to hear confessions, &c.

London, 19th January A.D. abovesaid.

34. Bishop Henry to Master Thomas Byngham, professor of sacred theology, and canon of Wells. We commit our offices to you to hear confessions of our subjects wishing to confess *in foro principali*, to absolve them from their sins and to enjoin salutary penances.

London, day, &c., as abovesaid.

35. Commissio pro liberacione clerici incarcerati. Fo. 9.

Bishop Henry to Masters Ralph Ergum, precentor, and Richard Pyttes and Thomas Terry, canons of Wells.

It is supplicated to us on the behalf of William Ferys, of Wells, clerk, that whereas he, at the procuration of certain his rivals, was indicted before the Justices of the late King for that he, together with others, on Wednesday next after the feast of the Conception, 17 Richard II, broke the house of John Touker and took and carried away four yards of cloth of the worth of 5*s.*, and that he was a common robber; and for that he, together with others, on Monday next after the feast of St. John, 15 Richard II, at Welles, broke the close of John Touker, and took and carried away seven yards of linen cloth of "wachet" of the worth of 7*s.*; and the said William alleged that he was in no wise guilty, and so he was taken and incarcerated and delivered by the Justices to our predecessor. We being mercifully inclined, commit our offices to you to admit and receive the purgation of the said William in form of law, first making proclamation in the cathedral church of Wells and other places where it shall seem most expedient for you, of the said pretended crimes, that if anyone wishes to accuse the said William concerning the said crimes, or to oppose his purgation, he appear before you at a certain day and place. And if no accuser appears to deliver him and permit him depart from our custody.

London, 21st January in the year abovesaid.

36. Bishop Henry to Thomas Longley, clerk.

We confer on you a canonry of our church of Wells and the prebend of Jacton otherwise Yacton, vacant by the death of Sir John Sleford, the last canon and prebendary of the same, belonging to our collation.

London, 22nd November, A.D. 1401.

Mandate to the dean and chapter of Wells to induct.

37. Bishop Henry to the Dean, or his *locum tenens*, and the chapter of Wells. Know that we have received the letter of Robert, bishop of London, containing the tenour which follows:

We received the letter of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, on the 14th day of the present month of January, in these words Thomas, &c. . . . . Fraternitati vestre committimus et mandamus quatinus omnibus et singulis coepiscopis et suffraganeis nostris per nostram Cantuariensem provinciam constitutis, vice et auctoritate nostra, cum omni celeritate qua poteritis, vestris literis harum seriem continentibus, denuncietis et eisdem districtius injungatis ut eorum singuli in ecclesiis suis cathedralibus, et aliis ecclesiis conventualibus et collegiatis, tam regularibus quam secularibus, necnon parochialibus ecclesiis suarun civitatum et diocesium, diebus dominicis et festivis, suos subditos, clericos et laicos, efficaciter moneant et inducant seu moneri faciant et induci, quod, pro aeris serenitate, necnon negociis domini nostri regis regnique sui Anglie, ad laudem Dei, et eorundem regis et regni commodum et honorem, ac populi tranquillitatem et pacem prospere dirigendis, processiones solempnes in singulis quartis et sextis feriis cum pulsacione campanarum et decantacione solita letanio missa solempni postea subsecuta faciant continue et fieri procurent, aliaque pia devocionis opera exerceant humiliter et devote, ita quod interea verbi Dei pabulum publice proponatur, *etc.* Datum in manerio nostro de Cherryng decimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo prime, etc.

By authority of which we enjoin you, reverend father, to announce these things and to execute them.

Hadham, 20th day of the month and year aforesaid.

By authority of which we enjoin you the dean, or *locum tenens*, and chapter of Wells that you execute the said letters.

London, 28th Jan. in the first year of our consecration.

Same date. Mandates to the Prior and chapter of Bath, the archdeacons of Wells, Taunton, and Bath under the like form.

38. Last day of January in the year abovesaid, the reverend father, in his house, at London, granted to John Knyght, rector of the church of Shepton, licence to absent himself from his said church at the said reverend father's pleasure.

Fo. 11. 39. Bishop Henry to Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury. We received the letter of R. bishop of London, containing your command, on the 3rd day of Jan. A.D. 1401[-2] and have caused all and singular the things contained in the same to be demanded for execution.

Given under our seal, in our house at London, 4th Feb. A.D. 1401[-2].

40. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Drayton, canon of Wells. As we are informed, Sir Nicholas Stykelynch, rector of the parish church of Lymyngton, is known to be wearied with so great infirmity that he is not able personally to govern himself and his said church, but by his impotence his goods are dissipated. We commit our offices to you to enquire touching the truth of the premises, and if you find the said Sir Nicholas as is aforesaid, to appoint a fit person as coadjutor and curate.

London, 4th Feb. A.D. 1401[-2].

41. On the last day of January in the year abovesaid, the presentation of Sir Thomas Byryg, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Batheeston, diocese of Bath and Wells, presented by the prior and chapter of Bath, was exhibited to the same reverend father in his house at London. Which said father committed his offices to Masters Richard Pittes and Richard Drayton, canons of Wells, to enquire concerning the said vacancy, and to institute the said Sir Thomas.

7th Feb. A.D. abovesaid, at London.

42. Licence for Robert Combe, rector of the church of Clive, to absent himself from his church as long as it shall please the bishop.

Same day, &c. Licence for John Caume, rector of the church of Bryn, to absent himself and to let his church to farm, at the supplication of Sir John de Berkeley, as long as he shall stay in his service.

43. 9th day of the same month. Licence for Sir John Trewargh, rector of the church of Kynggesdon, to absent himself from his church and let it to farm at the bishop's pleasure.

Same day, &c. Licence for Sir Thomas Cosyn, rector of the church of Westcamell, to absent himself according to the order *ex eo.*

44. 22nd Nov. A.D. 1401. Licence for Henry Sydenham and Richard Sydenham, "domicelli," to have masses celebrated by fit chaplains in their oratories, at the bishop's pleasure.

45. Bishop Henry to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official. Sirs Thomas Benet, rector of the parish church of Chefcombe, in our diocese, and John Wycheham, vicar of the perpetual prebendal church of Selmeston, diocese of Chichester, propose to exchange their benefices (William Beauchamp having presented

the said John Wycheham to the said church of Chefcomb). We order you to make due inquisition concerning the right of presenting to the said church of Chefcombe, who last presented, of what tax and value it is, and whether there was fraud between the said Thomas and John.

Certify us of what you find.

London, 16th Feb. A.D. 1401[-2].

46. Bishop Henry by the King's command "*ratione nove creationis nostre*" granted to John Kyngman, the king's clerk, specially named to him by his letters under the great seal, as the custom is, 100*s*. of a yearly pension. (Undated.)

Fo. 12. 47. Bishop Henry to Master John Pedewell, bachelor of laws. By trustworthy notification it has come to our hearing that John Dunster, rector of the church of Corymalet, does not make due residence in his said church. We command you that you admonish him within one month to reside personally in the same, informing him that if he does not we will provide for the said church.

48. The King to Bishop Henry. Wishing for certain causes that the Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer be informed by you if the prior and convent of Bustlesham [Bisham], at the time of the grant of a tenth and the moiety of a tenth last granted to us by the clergy of the province of Canterbury, held and as yet hold to their proper uses the church of Coryvell. We command you that you search your register and other evidences, and inform the said Treasurer and Barons of what you find about the quindene of Easter.

Witness. J. Cokayn, at Westminster, 1st Feb. in the 3rd year of our reign.

[Return.]

I, Henry, bishop of Bath and Wells signify that I have caused our evidences to be searched, whereby it is found that the prior and convent within written, at the time of the grant and some time before held, and as yet hold the church of Coryvell to their own uses, because, on the 14th July A.D. 1391, the same church was appropriated, to possess to their uses for ever.

49. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Drayton, his official. We commit our offices to you to receive and admit the presentation to the vicarage of the parish church of Kymersdem made to Sir

William Pakeryk, priest, and to institute the said presentee and to order him to be inducted.

London, 18th Feb. A.D. 1401[-2].

50. On the 20th day of the said month, at London, the bishop arranged the matter of an exchange made between Sirs Robert Warreys, perpetual vicar of the church of Tykenham, diocese of Bath, and John Beek, rector of the church of Dycheryche, diocese of Salisbury, admitted the said John to the vicarage of Tykenham to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, Bristol, and the said Robert to the church of Dycherych at the presentation of Thomas Fitz Nicholas, knight, Edmund Ford, and Lewis Stalworth, rector of the church of Rokamphton, by authority of a commission of the said bishop of Salisbury, and instituted him as rector.

51. 24th day of the month abovesaid, at London. Letters dimissory for Master John Barton, rector of the church of Lameyzate, under the common form.

Tenor bulle concesse rectori ecclesie de Dycheszate super non residencia.

Bonifacius episcopus servus servorum Dei dilecto filio Johanni Swyft, rectori ecclesie parochialis de Dychesyate, Wellensi diocesi, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Vite ac morum honestas alique laudabilia probitatis et virtutum merita super quibus apud nos fidedigno commendaris testimonio nos inducunt, ut ea tibi libenter concedamus que tuis commoditatibus fore conspicimus oportuna. Tuis itaque supplicacionibus inclinati auctoritate tibi presencium indulgemus ut literarum studio in loco ubi illud vigeat generale, aut obsequiis alicujus principis vel prelati insistendo, vel in Romana curia seu in aliquo beneficiorum tuorum ecclesiasticorum residendo, fructus, redditus et proventus omnium beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, cum cura et sine cura, que nunc in quibuscumque ecclesiis sive locis obtines et imposterum optinebis, eciam si canonicatus et prebende, dignitatus personatus vel officia cum cura vel sine cura in cathedralibus vel collegiatis, et dignitates ipse in cathedralibus majores post Pontificales vel collegiatis ecclesiis hujusmodi principales fuerint et ad eas consueverint, qui per electionem assumi cum ea integritate usque ad decennium a data presencium computandum dumtaxat libere percipere valeas, quotidianis distribucionibus dumtaxat exceptis cum qua illos perciperes si in ecclesiis sive locis ipsis in quibus

beneficia ipsa consistunt personaliter resideres, et ad residendum in eisdem ecclesiis sive locis minime tenearis, nec ad id a quoquam invitus valeas coartari, *etc.*

Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum. iij. Idibus Julii Pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

52. 14th March in the year abovesaid. Licence for Walter Roddeney, knight, and Isabella, his consort, to celebrate masses and other divine services in all their oratories in the diocese of Bath.

London, 15th March A.D. 1401[-2].

53. Grant by Bishop Henry to John Paternoster of the office of parker of the park of Westbury, co. Somerset.

54. London, day, &c. aforesaid. Bishop Henry to all his bailiffs, reeves, tenants, officers, and other ministers informing them that he had appointed his cousin Thomas Langethorp as common clerk to write the accounts of the reeves of his manors, &c., with the fees and profits thereto pertaining.

Same date.

55. Grant by Bishop Henry to Thomas Forster of the office of gaoler of his prison in the city of Wells.

13th March in the year abovesaid, at London.

56. Bishop Henry admitted Walter Dewry, clerk, to the chapel of Kyngeston, diocese of Bath, vacant by the free resignation of John Eluett, the last rector or warden (*custos*) at the king's presentation, and instituted him as rector or warden (*custos*).

Fo. 14. 57. Same day, &c., the reverend father admitted Thomas Waire, subdeacon, to the parish church of Cherdelynche, diocese of Bath, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Richard atte Welle, the last rector, at the presentation of Richard Boyton and Margery, his wife, and instituted him as rector.

58. 26th day of the month abovesaid, at London. Licence for John Noner to absent himself from his church of Wynfreth, diocese of Bath, at the said reverend father's pleasure.

59. On the 18th day of the same month the bishop arranged the matter of an exchange between Thomas Benet, rector of Chefcombe, diocese of Bath, and John Wicham, perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Selmeston, diocese of Chichester, and admitted the said John to the church of Chefcombe, presented by William Beawchaump, and the said Thomas to the vicarage of Selmeston, at the presentation of Master Robert Bradegar, clerk, and instituted him.

60. Bishop Henry to all archdeacons, abbots, priors, &c. within our diocese. We have appointed Thomas Miton our general and chief apparitor in our Consistory Court of Wells and everywhere in our diocese. We command you that you aid the said Thomas.

London, 15th March, A.D. 1402.

London, last day of November 3 Henry IV [A.D. 1401].

61. Grant by Bishop Henry to Thomas Dent, otherwise Saweld, for good service, of the office of Bailiff of the burgh of Wells, *quamdiu se bene gesserit.*

Hic mutatur annus Domini in annum millesimum quadringentesimum secundum et consecrationis reverendi patris domini Henrici Bathon' et Wellen' episcopi anno primo.

62. 6 April in the year abovesaid, at London. Licence for Thomas Foston, rector of Henton St. George, to study in England for two years at the supplication of the abbot of Leicester.

63. 10th April in the first year of his consecration. Appointment by Bishop Henry of Thomas Forster to watch both prisons in the city of Wells, and grant to him of the office of parker of the park of Wells. To hold at the bishop's pleasure.

64. 18th April in the year abovesaid, the lord arranged the Fo. 15. matter of exchange between Sirs William Haukyn, perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Hasilbere, diocese of Bath, and Nicholas Shud, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Combekeynes, diocese of Salisbury, and admitted the said Nicholas to the vicarage of Hasilbere at the presentation of Sir William Marston, prebendary of Hasilbere, and the said William to the vicarage of Combekeynes at the presentation of the prior and convent of Marton, and instituted them.

London, 15th April, A.D. 1402.

65. Grant by Bishop Henry of forty days' indulgence to all who shall pray for the souls of John Compe, Cristina, his wife, and John Hendeman and Alice, his wife, whose bodies are buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Mary, Bath, for the prosperity of the King of England, the peace and tranquility of the church and the realm of England.

66. Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, Henricus permissione divina Bathonensis et Wellensis Episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Universitati vestre tenore presentium plenius innotescat quod dilectus in Christo

Dyn Paruyan, in Lombardy, qui nobis et Thome Bowet, consanguineo nostro, per aliqua tempora fideliter deservivit, occasione suspicionis malevole aut nequicie in eum convicte, a nostris et dicti Thome, consanguinei nostri, obsequiis non recessit ; sed quia affectionem visendi parentes, amicos, et patriam habuit specialem. Ne igitur status suus, conversacio aut vita possint per emulos in dubium revocari, has literas nostras patentes eidem concessimus in plenam evidenciam et testimonium premissorum.

Datum in hospicio nostro, London', sub sigillo nostro xv die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo secundo, et nostre consecrationis anno primo.

67. London, 19th April, year abovesaid. Appointment of Master John Pedewell, commissary general, the dean of Yevelcestre, and the perpetual vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton, as commissioners to demand clerks and ecclesiastics incarcerated for any crime before the King's Justices in the diocese.

Bishop Henry to Sir Richard Amys, prior of Stokecursy.

68. Whereas Sir William Horton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stokecursy, is known to be wearied with so great infirmity that he does not suffice for the cure of the said church, we appoint you curate and *custos* at our pleasure.

Fo. 16. London, 19th April, A.D. 1402.

69. On the 18th day of the same month, at London. Licence for Richard Sutton and Alice, his consort, to have masses and other divine services celebrated by fit chaplains in all their oratories or chapels in the diocese of Bath.

70. 19th day of the same month, the bishop, in the chapel in his house at London, ordained John Churchehouse, of Wedmour, to the first tonsure.

71. 24th day of the same month, at London, the reverend father instituted Sir Richard Bat, chaplain, to the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Compton Dundene, vacant by the death of Sir John Powlet ; at the presentation of Sir Roger Harwell, canon of Wells, and prebendary of Compton aforesaid.

72. 27th day of the same month, at London, the bishop arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Selby, rector of Mydley, diocese of Canterbury and Solomon Brown, rector of Stanley, diocese of Bath, and instituted the said Solomon to the church of Mydley, at the presentation of

William Echyngham, and the said Sir John to the church of Stanley at the presentation of William Pawlet.

73. 5th day of May, year abovesaid, at London. Licence for Master Ralph Canoun, canon of Wells, to celebrate masses and other divine services in all his oratories in the diocese of Bath.

74. 8th day of the same month, at London. Licence for John Canvill, rector of Yevelle, to let his church to farm *ad beneplacitum.*

75. London, 7th May in the year abovesaid.

Licence by Bishop Henry for John Bockyng, the elder, to give and assign two messuages and three tofts in Wells, which are held of the bishop in chief, to the dean and chapter of Wells. To hold to them and to their successors in augmentation of the sustentation of the vicars residing in the said church, for ever.

76. 16th day of the same month. Licence for Sir John Baw, rector of Greyngton, diocese of Bath, to absent himself till Christmas next.

77. 27th day of the said month, at London, the lord Henry instituted William Buttys, chaplain, to the church of Newton Seyntlo, vacant by the death of Sir William Baker, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Peter Courteney, knight.

78. 28th day of the same month, at London, a commission was made to Masters Richard Pittes and Richard Drayton, canons of Wells, to enquire touching the vacancy of the vicarage of Monks Henton, and, when it should be vacant, to institute Sir John at Water, priest, at the presentation of Master Ralph Ergum, precentor of Wells.

79. On the last day of May, in the year abovesaid, at London, Bishop Henry instituted Richard Godeley, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Wyvelescombe, vacant by the death of Sir Griffin, the last vicar; at the presentation of John Bathe, clerk, prebendary of Wyvelescombe.

80. On the 8th day of June, A.D. 1402, Bishop Henry arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Marsell, rector of Nony, diocese of Bath, and William Wodecourt, rector of Redmershill, diocese of Durham, and instituted the said William to the church of Nony, presented by William Besyle, Edmund Flory, William Beaumestre, chaplain, William Powlet, William Gyan, and John Tylly, and the said John to the church of Redemershull. Fo. 17.

81. On the 28th day of the same month, at London, a com-

mission came to Master Richard Pittes and Richard Draiton, canons of Wells, to enquire touching the vacancy of the vicarage of Monks Henton, &c. (as on p. 31).

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82. London, 12th June A.D. 1402. Commission of Bishop Henry for Master Richard Pittes, canon of Wells, to exercise the office of vicar general in spiritual affairs.

Last day of June in the year abovesaid. Master Richard Pittes, the vicar abovesaid at Wells, granted licence for Agnes Canyngs to have masses celebrated in her oratory in her house, or in any proper place in the diocese of Bath.

[The King to Bishop Henry.]

Fo. 18. 83. Reuerent piere en Dieu. Nous nadgars creablement enformez qe les doctours en Theologie en decrey et les loys et autres graduatz estudiantz en noz Uniuersitez Doxenford et Cantabrygge seu estoient retreitz en grant nombre, par cause quils manoient de quoy soy mesmes sustenir ne lour puruoier de liurs necessaries, ne estoient en espoier destre auancez as benefices de sainte esglise, pur ce qils ne purroient accepter benefices par provision de nostre tressaint piere le pape come ils soloient, et ce perencheson de lestatut en countre prouisours fait. Et nous sur ce desirans de lour puruoier de remede au temps de nostre darein parlement priasmes les tresreverentz pieres en Dieu les Ercevesques de Cantirbirs et Deverwyk, qi appellez a eux vous et les autres Prelatz et Clerkez de lour Provincez en lour prochiems conuocacions lour affaire ordener vorrent pur lestat de tieux dottours et estudiantz considerantz le grant bien qe purroit auenir a la boñ gouernance de sainte esglise si le Clergie deinz nostre Roiaume feusse surportez et encresez. A cause de quele nostre piere, come il nous reportez nostre dit Cosyn de Cantirbirs vous et les autres prelatz et clerkez en sa darein conuocacion assemblez touz dun assent ordenez auez qe touz patrons espirituelx exemptz et nient exemptz deinz sa dite prouince serront par escrit signifier lez nouns vrays values de touz maners de benefices curez et nient curez, taxez et nient taxez, de quele condicion ils soient de lour collacion ou patronage as reverentz pieres en Dieu les Evesques Dexcestre, Hereford et Roucestre, au fin qils certifiez dez nouns des dottours et aultrez graduatez de noz susdites uniuersites leur purront recommander a chescun de susditz patrons espirituelx

solone le nombre de quantitee de benefices de sa collacion et patronage. Si vous prioms treschierment qen accomplesant ordenance semblable de vostre part veues cestes vous vous vuillez enformer lez nouns de touz les patrons espirituelz dedeinz vostre diocise, et des nouns de touz lez benefices de la collacion ou patronage de chescun deux de quele condicion et value annuele quels soient, come de sus est dit, et sibien lez nouns dez ditez patrons et benefices come lez nouns et vrays values de touz les benefices et de vostre collacion et patronage signifier vuillez as susditz evesqes Dexcestre, Hereford et Roucestre a nostre Cite de Londres le primer iour Daugst prochein venant par aucun vostre procurour eiant de par bons sufficiant pouer et auctoritee de consentier a ce qi ordener vuillent et dispoiser y ceux evesqes en accomplisement de lordenance avantdit, et facez auxi qe par manere semblable enuoient pardeuers les ditz evesqes Dexestre, Hereford et Roucestre touz les patrons espirituelx de vostre dit diocise, lour procurour general ou espicial pur oyer et consentier de leur part a lordenance qi ferront yceux evesqes en la matire auantdite, entendant qe par nous autres lettres de semblable effect escrioms a nostre cousyn susdite.

Done souz nostre priue seala Westminstre le xiiij jour de Juyn.

Richard Pittes, vicar-general, to the archdeacon of Taunton, or his official.

By authority of the King and the bishop, we command you that you make inquisition touching the names of all patrons of churches within the archdeaconry of Taunton, exempt and non-exempt, and of the true value of such benefices, taxed and not taxed, cured and not cured, and inform us. Cite, moreover, all such patrons that they appear before us to hear the King's letters directed to the said reverend father, and also a fit proctor to appear before the bishops of Exeter, Hereford, and Rochester, at London, on the 1st day of August next to come to consent to such things as shall happen to be done for the common utility of the clergy and the realm of England by the said venerable fathers and the other prelates.

Wells, last day of June A.D. 1402.

Same day, &c., like letters were sent to the archdeacons of Wells and Bath.

Richard Pittes, vicar-general, to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official.

Although those beneficed of cured benefices contained in the schedule annexed to these presents were admonished to reside in their benefices, they, nevertheless, have not taken care to reside; on account of which Master J. Pedewell, the commissary-general, duly sequestrated their benefices. Certain beneficed men, nevertheless, and other subjects of the venerable father, violate the said sequestration. Wherefore we order you that you announce the fruits of such benefices so sequestrated in all the churches of your jurisdiction and admonish them again to reside in their benefices within the space of one month. Cite all violators to appear in the cathedral church of Wells on Wednesday next after the Feast of St. James next to come.
Fo. 19. Dated at Wells under the seal which we use in this behalf.

Same day, &c. Other letters under the form above written were sent to the archdeacons of Wells and Bath.

85. On the 13th day of June in the year abovesaid, at Welles, the said Master Richard granted licence for Nicholas Steur, rector of Sparkford, to absent himself from his church for a year.

86. On the 5th day of July in the year abovesaid, at Wells, the said Master Richard arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Stowell, rector of the church of Burnet, and John Hopere, perpetual vicar of the church of Estpennard, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said Sir John Hopere to the church of Burnet at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Tewkesbury, and the said John Stowell to the vicarage of Estpennard at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

87. On the 13th day of the same month, at Wells, the same vicar instituted John Hochekyns, priest, to the church of Penne, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Lawrence Whytele, at the presentation of John Chesilden, lord of Penne.

88. 20th day of the same month. Licence for Richard Forest, rector of Westbagburgh, to absent himself and to let his church to farm for three years.

Collacio prebende de Bedmynstre et Radeclyffe.

89. Richard, bishop of Salisbury, to Henry, bishop of Bath and Wells. Whereas we have conferred on Master Henry Chichele, doctor of laws, the prebend of Bemynstre and Radeclyfe, in our church of Salisbury, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Butiller, the body of which said prebend is situate in your diocese,

we ask you that you will cause the said Master H. or his proctor to have possession of the body of the prebend aforesaid.

Dated in our castle of Shirburn 20th July A.D. 1402.

90. 22nd day of the same month, at Wells, Master Henry Pittes sent a letter to the archdeacon of Bath or his official, and to Master Richard Herwell, rector of Trent, to induct the said Master Henry Chichele to the prebend of Bedemynstre and Radclyff.

91. On the 23rd day of the same month, at Wells, the same vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Smyth, rector of the church of Breen, and William Shawe, rector of the church of Swayneswyke, and instituted the said Sir John Smyth to the church of Swayneswyke at the presentation of Edmund Forde, "domicellus," and the said Sir William to the church of Breen at the presentation of Sir Thomas Berkley, knight.

92. On 26th July A.D. 1402, at Wells, the same vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Richard Forest, rector of the church of Bagburgh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Byschep, rector of the church of Lomen, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said John to the church of Bagburgh at the presentation of Sir Thomas Brooke, knight, and the said Richard to the church of Lomen at the presentation of the King.

93. On the 5th day of August in the year abovesaid, at Salisbury, the said Master Richard arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Richard Wyke, perpetual vicar of Wynscombe, and William Schaw, rector of the church of Breen, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said William to the vicarage of Wynscombe at the presentation of the president and chapter of Wells, the dean being absent, and the said Richard to the church of Breen at the presentation of Thomas Berkley, knight.

94. On the 11th day of the same month, at Wells, the same Fo. 20.
Master Richard arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Mey, perpetual vicar of the church of Queen's Camell, Bath and Wells, and Robert Offcote, rector of the church of Esthenreth, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Richard to the vicarage of Camell at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Clyve, and the said William to the church of Esthenreth at the collation of Richard, bishop of Salisbury.

95. 19th July in the year abovesaid. Licence for Thomas Keke, rector of Bawerep, to absent himself from his church for a year.

96. 18th Sept. in the year abovesaid, the same vicar instituted Sir Robert Corn, chaplain, to the perpetual vicarage of Corston, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Henry Whyting, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

97. 19th day of the same month, at Wells, the same vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Sir William Dullok, perpetual vicar of Wollavyngton, and Elias Rainysham, rector of Skylgate, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said William to the church of Skylgate at the presentation of Isabella Barnabe, and the said Elias to the perpetual vicarage of Wollavyngton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Goldeclyve.

98. On the 22nd day of the month aforesaid, at Wells, the same Master Richard Pittes arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Robert Trybbe, rector of the church of Are, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir Thomas Prydell, chaplain of the perpetual chantry of Ralegh, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said Thomas to the church of Are at the presentation of Thomas Kelly, and the said Robert to the chantry of Ralegh at the presentation of William Talbot, knight, Sir Thomas Brent, proctor of the said Sir Thomas Prydell.

99. On the 13th day of October in the year abovesaid, at Wells, the said Master Richard Pittes instituted Master Edmund Kempsey, chaplain, to the church of Swayneswyke, at the presentation of Edmund Forde.

100. Robert, Bishop of London, to Bishop Henry.

We have received the mandate of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, containing the tenour following.

"Thomas permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus venerabili fratri nostro domino Roberto Dei gratia London episcopo salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem." We command you that you cause the clergy to be cited to appear before us in the church of St. Paul, London, on the 21st day of Oct. next to come. "Datum in manerio nostro de Otteford primo die mensis Septembris A.D. 1402." By authority whereof we cite you, reverend father.

Haddham, 18th Sept. A.D. above written.

101. Richard Pittes, &c., to Sirs William Stur', rector of Whitstaunton, John Batyn, rector of Westcokyr, and John Wall, priest, considering the laudable purpose of Sir Robert Cherde,

monk of the monastery of Forde, of the Cistercian order, diocese of Exeter, personally appearing on the 27th of October, A.D. 1402, before us in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells, and exhibiting the letter of demise of his abbot of Forde, who elected before us to lead a solitary and hermit's life in a certain house near the parish church of Croukern, diocese of Bath and Wells, within the churchyard on the west side of the same church, constructed for such a person to dwell in for ever, and supplicated us to be admitted to lead such a solitary life. We commit our offices to you enquire concerning the life, manners and conversation of the said Robert, and inform us what you shall do in the premisses.

Given under the seal of our office the year, day and place above written.

14th January A.D. 1402[-3].

102. Licence for Master John Barton, rector of Lamezate, to absent himself for a [year]. Fo. 22

103. 11th January in the year abovesaid, at Wells, the said Master Richard instituted Richard Cranburn, chaplain, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Cary at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

104. On the 12th day of the month aforesaid, at Wells, the said vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Modeford, perpetual vicar of Chilterne Dummer, and John Cory, rector of Penne, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said Sir William to the church of Penne at the presentation of John Chesulden, and the said John to the vicarage of Chilterne at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

105. 25th January in the year abovesaid, at Wells, the same vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Papelon, rector of Ronyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Walter Haukyn *alias* Cory, perpetual vicar of Brodesydlyng', diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Walter to the church of Ronyngton at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton, and the said William to the vicarage of Brodesydlynch at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Midelton.

106. 17th Feb. A.D. 1402[-3], at Wells, the same vicar [general] arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Nicholas

Styklynch, rector of Lymyngton, and Edmund Elyot, rector of Farneburgh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said Edmund to the church of Lymyngton at the presentation of Sir William Bonvyl, knight, and the said Nicholas to the church of Farnburgh at the presentation of Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight.

107. 19th day of the said month, at Wells, the same vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Tropenell, rector of Wayford, diocese of Bath, and Richard Burt, perpetual vicar of the church of Budden, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Richard to the vicarage of Wayford at the presentation of Robert Blanford, and the said John to the vicarage of Buden.

108. 20th Feb. year abovesaid, at Wells, the same vicar instituted John Russell, chaplain, to the parish church of Selworthy at the presentation of Henry Sentihon, lord of Estlokcombe.

8th March A.D. 1402[-3].

109. Licence for Sir William Saundford, chaplain, to hear confessions of the parishioners of the parish church of Bruton till the octaves of Easter.

Fo. 23. 110. The King to Bishop Henry.

Whereas you and your brethren and the clergy of the diocese of Canterbury in the last convocation at the church of St. Paul, London, on the 21st day of October last, granted to us for the defence of our realm and the Anglican church a tenth and the moiety of a tenth of ecclesiastical benefices taxed and accustomed to pay the tenth, benefices of poor nuns and hospitallers excepted, the first moiety of the said tenth to be paid at the Annunciation next to come, the second moiety at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist then next following, and the third moiety of a tenth at the Purification then next following. So that such grant henceforth be not brought as a custom, or that the clergy be not burdened with other charges in the meantime. We command you that you cause some trustworthy men of your clergy to be appointed to levy and collect the said tenth and moiety.

Witness ourself at Westminster, 2nd Feb. in the fourth year of our reign.

Wells, 14th Feb. A.D. 1402[-3].

111. Commission by Richard Pittes, vicar-general, to the abbot and convent of Athyngley to levy and collect the tenth and moiety of a tenth above mentioned.

112. The King to Bishop Henry or his vicar-general.

We prohibit you from presenting a parson to the church of Northeperet, which is vacant, as it is said, touching the advowson of which contention is set in motion in our Court between John Lorty and Robert Byllesdon and Robert Burstede, clerk, until there shall be discussion in the same Court to which of them the advowson pertains.

Witness ourself, at Westminster, the 20th day of February in the fourth year of our reign.

113. 12th March in the year abovesaid, at Wells, the same vicar instituted Master John Parys to the church of Lympesham at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

114. 5th day of the month. Letters dimissory for William Smyth and John Poule, deacons, to the order of priest.

115. 7th day of the same month, at Wells. Letters dimissory for John Grene, subdeacon, to all holy orders.

Same day, &c. Letters dimissory for Thomas Marschall, deacon, to the order of priest.

116. On the 24th day of the same month, at Wells, the vicar-general aforesaid admitted Richard Stourton, clerk, bachelor of arts, to the church of Myddleton, vacant by the free resignation of Master John Parys, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston, and instituted him in the person of Roger Stourton, his proctor.

117. 7th April, A.D. 1403. Letters dimissory for William Weston, acolyte, to all holy orders.

Same date. The same vicar-general instituted John Jenys, Fo. 24.
chaplain, to the perpetual vicarage of Keynesham at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

118. 12th April in the year aforesaid, at Wells, the vicar-general instituted William Chapell, chaplain, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Nethirstowey at the presentation of the King.

119. Know all of you that we, Henry, bishop of Bath and Wells, have manumitted and freed John Touchyng, our slave, a bondman of our manor of Kyngesbury, from all the yoke of serfdom.

Dated in our house at London 2nd March A.D. 1403.

[In the margin.]

"Granted at the instance of Master J. Chaundeller."

120. 5th March A.D. 1403, the said reverend father, in his

house at London conferred on Sir John Fenton, chaplain, the parish church of Claverton, vacant by the simple resignation of William Canon, clerk, and instituted him as rector.

The archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct.

121. 20th Feb. A.D. 1403, the bishop arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Smyth, rector of Roubergh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and William Purleston, perpetual vicar of Little Badewe, diocese of London, and instituted the said William to the church of Roubergh to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, Bristol, and the said John to the perpetual vicarage of Little Badewe, to which he was presented by John Page, rector of the said church of Little Badewe. The archdeacon of Wells to induct the said Sir William.

122. 22nd Feb. in the year aforesaid, Bishop Henry, at London, instituted Sir John Bullynge, chaplain, to the church of Orcharleygh, to which he was presented by John Merlond, "domicellus."

Fo. 26. 123. 12th August, A.D. 1403, Master Richard Pittes, vicar-general, at Wells, instituted Sir John Upcote, priest, to the vicarage of Milverton, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Horigge, to which he was instituted by Master Thomas Polton, archdeacon of Taunton and prebendary of Milverton. The archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct.

124. 16th August, year abovesaid, Master Richard Pittes, vicar-general, instituted John Benet, clerk, having the first tonsure, to the church of Pitteney, to which he was presented by John Manyngford, domicellus, Sir William Otterampton, chaplain, and Matthew Cokyr, domicellus. Mandate to the archdeacon of Wells to induct.

125. 2nd September, A.D. 1403, Master Richard Pittes instituted Sir Thomas Perys, chaplain, to the parish church of Wollavyngton, to which he was presented by the King by reason of the priory of Goldeclyve being in his hand on the occasion of the war. Mandate to the archdeacon of Wells to induct.

126. Same day, &c., Master Richard Pittes instituted Sir John Hornblowton to the chantry of the Blessed Mary near the parish church of Wollavyngton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Thomas Perys, at the presentation of John Verney, patron for this turn. Mandate to the archdeacon of Wells to induct.

127. Westminster 12th October 1 Henry IV. The King's writ to Bishop Henry commanding him to appoint collectors of the moiety of one-tenth granted by the clergy at St. Paul's, 6th October last past.

4th September, year abovesaid.

128. Master Richard Pittes, at Wells, instituted Sir Nicholas Hoper *alias* Leche, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Chilterne Dummer, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Cory *alias* Hogekyn, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

20th September A.D. 1403.

129. Suprascriptus dominus vicarius generalis concessit priori et conventui prioratus de Staverdale quod nuncius eorum certus, etc., poterit, auctoritate dicti domini Episcopi, per diocesim suam Wellensem transire, Christi fidelium elemosinas usque in festum sancti Martini proximo tunc futurum ad sustentacionem domus eorundem caritative petituris.

130. 20th October in the year abovesaid. Licence for John Enethorn, domicellus, to have masses celebrated in his oratories in the diocese of Bath and Wells for one year.

131. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Pittes, his vicar-general, John Prentys, chaplain of the chantry of St. Edmund in our church of Wells, and Peter Loveput, perpetual vicar of the church of Stowey, intend to exchange their benefices. We commit our offices to you, &c. Fo. 27.

Dated at Worcester, 6th Sept. A.D. 1403.

132. Robert, Bishop of London, to Bishop. We have received the letters of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, in these words:

Thomas, &c. Rex pacificus omnis opifex creature ingratitudine quandoque racionabilis facture quam ad similitudinem suam formaverat exigente immissiones multas et malas, ac retribuciones varias et diversas transmittit in orbem ut sui memoriam habeant creatoris, suorum beneficiorum inmemores, quos constituit fore gratos, humiles, obsequiosos, et devotos quamobrem exigentibus populi demeritis sena dissencionis materia turbaciones graves et scismata diversa mundi regna lamentabiliter perlustrarent indiesque multipliciter perlustrant et involvunt, ac presertim inclitum regnum Anglie, quod pacis pulcritudine gaudere consuevit, ad tantam turbacionis et dissencionis miseriam pacis, emulo procurante modernis temporibus dedu-

citur quod pacis quidem tranquillitate prorsus exulata, ut videtur, regnum ipsum inimicis undique incidiantibus, periculis talibus est subjectum, quod ipsius desolacio terribilis verissimiliter obventura a pluribus formidatur nisi, misericordie, Dominus populo suo compaciens, manus suas adjutrices ab excelso dignetur apponere, et viam pacis in regno Anglie misericorditer inspirare. Nos enim attendentes quod devote preces fidelium furorem mitigant Redemptoris et misericordiam provocant Salvatoris, processiones solempnes per nostram provinciam Cantuariensem pro pace et tranquillitate universalis ecclesie, ac regis et regni Anglie ordinavimus et decrevimus devocius faciendos . . . diebus dominicis et festivis . . . fidelibus per nostram provinciam predictam ubilibet constitutis, de peccatis suis vere penitentibus et confessis, premissa, ut prefertur, facientibus, quadraginta dies indulgencie concedimus per presentes . . . Datum sub sigillo nostro in palacio nostro Cantuariensi xij die mensis Julii anno Domini Millesimo CCCCmo tercio.

We command that you execute all and singular the premises.

Stratfford Langethorn, last day of July A.D. abovesaid.

Received at Wells 20th Sept.

Hadham, 10th Sept. A.D. 1403.

133. Robert, Bishop of London, to Bishop Henry, reciting that he had received the mandate of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, dated at Worcester 5th Sept. A.D. 1403, to cite the clergy of the province of Canterbury to attend the convocation at St. Paul's, London, on the 6th October next; and citing him to appear.

[In the margin.]

Received by the vicar-general, at Wells, 20th Sept.

Fo. 28. 134. 8th October A.D. 1403, Master Richard Pittes arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Peter Lovepyt, perpetual vicar of Stowey near Chw, and John Prentys, perpetual of the chantry of St. Edmund in the nave of the cathedral church of Wells founded for the soul of the lord Ralph Erghum, formerly Bishop of Bath and Wells, and instituted them.

135. 8th November in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general granted to Edmund Flory, "domicellus," that he could have masses celebrated in his oratories in the diocese of Wells for a year.

136. 14th November in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Robtot, rector of Kylmyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir William Mey, rector of Esthenreth, diocese of Salisbury, instituted the said William to the church of Kylmyngton, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shafton, and conferred the church of Esthenreth on the said John at the collation of Richard, Bishop of Salisbury.

137. 22nd Nov. A.D. 1403. Master Richard Pittes arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Aylward, rector of Hardyngton, and William Shawe, priests, perpetual vicar of Wynscombe, and instituted the said William Aylward to the vicarage of Wynscombe at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells, and the said William Shawe to the church of Hardyngton.

138. Richard Pittes, vicar-general, to Sir Nicholas, Bishop of Christopolitan.

General commission to hear confessions, reconcile churches and churchyards, consecrate altars, chalices, vestments, &c. Dated at Wells ; last day of November A.D. 1403.

139. 27th November in the year abovesaid. Letters dimissory for Robert Whamere, to all holy orders which he has not, &c.

140. Last day of November, year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Spark, priest, to the parish church of Horsyngton, vacant by the death of Walter Craas, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Maurice Russell, knight. Fo. 29.

141. 4th December in the year abovesaid. Letters dimissory for Richard Molde, acolyte, of the diocese of Wells, to all holy orders.

142. 17th December in the year abovesaid. Letters dimissory for John Benet and William Deram, clerk, diocese of Wells, having the first tonsure to all minor and holy orders.

"Eodem die Willelmo Derham" "primam tonsuram habenti."

143. 19th December. Letters dimissory for Richard Bakeler, diocese of Wells, subdeacon, to the orders of deacon and priest.

144. 19th December A.D. 1403, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Vyan, perpetual

vicar of Westbury, diocese of Wells, and John Basyngham, of Melton, perpetual vicar of Lovepyt, diocese of Exeter, and instituted them.

145. 20th December in the year abovesaid, the same vicar-general instituted Sir John Shotell, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Nighenhide, diocese of Bath and Wells, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton. The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

146. On the 4th day of January A.D. 1403[-4], the vicar-general instituted Sir Robert Faderwyn, priest, to the church of Weston in Gordano, at the presentation of Ralph Percevale, "domicellus."

147. Thomas Wyne prior of Locus Dei of Henton, Carthusian order, to Bishop Henry or his vicar-general. I make known to your reverence by these presents that brother Walter Wylley, a monk and brother of our house aforesaid, late rector of the church of Weston in Gordano, in your diocese, on the 16th kal. Jan. A.D. 1403[-4] promised and made profession to our order before God, the blessed Mary and all the saints before me and my other monks in our chapter house.

148. Pope Boniface to Thomas Haselbere, professor of the order of Friars Preachers, "our chaplain," of the diocese of Wells.

Vite ac morum honestas aliaque laudabilia probitatis et virtutum merita super quibus apud nos fidedigno commendario testimonio nos inducunt ut te specialis prerogativa favoris et gracie prosequamur, tuis itaque in hac parte supplicacionibus inclinati, tecum, qui ordinis fratrum predicatorum professor existis, ut asseris, ut beneficium ecclesiasticum eciam si vicaria que residenciam continuam exigat corporalem existit vel aliud quodcunque, cum cura vel sine cura, eciam si per clericos seculares gubernari consueverit, ad quod te presentari seu eligi, aut quod alias canonice conferri contingat, licencia seu consensu superioris tui vel alterius cujuscumque ad hoc minime requisitis, recipere et retinere, illudque ex causa permutacionis, vel alias simpliciter, tociens quociens tibi placuerit dimittere et loco dimissi, aliud simile vel dissimile beneficium ecclesiasticum recipere et retinere, libere et licite valeas. Constitucionibus apostolicis necnon statutis et consuetudinibus ejusdem ordinis regula et observanciis quibuscumque, ac professione tua in eisdem per te facta contrariis juramento confirmacione apostolica vel

quacumque fermitate alia roboratis nequaquam obstantibus, auctorite apostolica tenore presencium de speciali gracia dispensamus. Proviso quod beneficium hujusmodi debitis non fraudetur obsequis et animarum in eodem cura nullatenus negligatur.

Rome, at St. Peter's, xvij kal. Feb. in the 12th year of our pontificate.

149. 8th January in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Hasilbergh, priest, to the perpetual chantry of the Blessed Mary, of Alre, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Pleystowe. Fo. 30.

150. 12th January in the year aforesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Hardsslade, priest, to the perpetual chantry of St. Nicholas, of Hydehalle, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Robert Faderwyn, at the presentation of John Bluet, "domicellus."

151. 14th January in the year aforesaid. Licence for John Bluet, "domicellus," and his wife to have masses celebrated in their oratories for a year.

152. 14th December, in the year aforesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Thomas Hichecok, rector of Combe Ralegh, diocese of Exeter, and Robert Box, vicar of Estcoker, "Welleñ dioc̃ Sarẽ." The Dean and Chapter of Exeter patrons of the church of Estcoker.

Nihil solvitur registrario quia expeditum Sarum.

Willelmus Donham, Notarius.

153. Licencia in Oratoriis. 24th January A.D. abovesaid. Licence for Thomas Chippeley, "domicellus," to have masses celebrated for a year.

154. 29th January in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted John Craas, clerk, to the perpetual chantry of St. Margaret, of Wyke, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of William Roys, at the presentation of Nicholas Poulet, "domicellus."

155. 1st Feb. A.D. 1403[-4] the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Richard Salman, rector of Estlydeford, diocese of Wells, and Sir John Knyghton, rector of Hoxham, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said John to the church of Estlydeford, presented by John Stourton and Joan, his wife, and the said Richard to the church of Hoxham, presented by Thomas Baunfylde, "domicellus."

156. 13th March A.D. 1403[–4], the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Symond, rector of Stowelle, diocese of Wells, and Edmund Scoppe, rector of the churches of SS. John and Mary, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Edmund to the church of Stowelle at the presentation of Adam Ramesey, "domicellus," and the said John Symond to the churches of SS. Mary and John at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shafton.

157. 26th March A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Rede, priest, to the church of Radyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Gregory Denyngton, to which he was presented by John Burgh and Henry Tournour, clerks, patrons for this turn by reason of a feoffment in all the lands of John Radyngton in the county of Somerset, with advowson of churches.

158. 24th March A.D. 1403, the vicar-general instituted Master Henry Abondon, "bacallarius sacre pagine," to the perpetual vicarage of Sowy, diocese of Bath and Wells, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

159. Thys Composicion Made by Twene Thomas Abbott off Keynsham & the Convent off ye same and Iohem Ienys prest vicar off ye parissh off Keynsham ye yere off our Lord MloCCCC & V.

Henry, Bishop of Bath and Wells, to all, &c. Know ye that we have inspected the letters of Thomas, the abbot, and the convent of Keynsham, as follows :—

To all the sons of the mother church, &c. Thomas, abbot of Keynsham, and the convent of the same place, &c. Discords have arisen between us and John Jenys, priest, perpetual vicar of Keynsham, concerning tithes, and peace and agreement have been made, thus. The said John, the vicar, and his successors for ever shall have their dwelling in the vill of Keynsham, with the curtilage near our barton, and 2 acres of land pertaining to the same from olden time, and all tithes of lambs, wool, sucking-pigs, geese, ducks, young pigeons from the dovecotes of their tenants, and all tithes of foals, calves, cheese, milk, butter, and eggs in Keynsham, Chewton, and Stokwode, and all oblations in the parish church of Keynsham and the chapel of Chewton, and all tithes of merchandise and handicrafts, and

other small tithes whatsoever, with legacies to the same vicar or his successors whatsoever in the said vills; reserving to us and to our monastery for ever a moiety of the oblations in the church of Keynsham made by the villains or inhabitants of the hamlets of Cherleton, Pobbelew, Fylton, and Brystylton made for the bodies of the dead. The vicar and his successors shall have two wagon-loads of hay at Keynsham in the meadow called "le Hamme," within a month after the feast of St. John the Baptist, and two wagon-loads of fuel to be taken yearly in our woods nearest to the house of the said vicarage (except in our park), at Michaelmas, to be carried in his own vehicles, and at his own expense. The chapel of Brystylton, depending on the church of Keynsham, with all its rights and appurtenances, pertaining to the abbot's table especially reserved, except a moiety of the oblations made by reason of the dead people above written. And we reserve the tithes, oblations, obventions, issues, mortuaries, legacies, and emoluments whatsoever within the parish of Keynsham and of the chapels of Cherleton, Pobelew, and Fylton, to the said church adjacent, and those in the oratory of Newyke, commonly called St. Anne in the Woods, to us and to our successors. The said vicar and his successors shall bear the cure of the souls of all our *famuliares* living within our said monastery and of the other parishioners whomsoever, everywhere within the parish of the said church of Keynsham and the said chapels of Cherleton, Pobelew, Fylton, and Brystilton, viz., personally in our church of Keynsham and by a suitable chaplain in the vills of Keynsham, Chewton and Stokwode, at his own costs, and by us and our successors by suitable chaplains and clerks in the chapels of Cherleton, Pobelew, Fylton, and Brystylton, and everywhere within the parish of our said church of Keynsham. The provision and removal of the said chaplains and clerks shall pertain to us and to our successors.

The vicar and his successors shall undertake the office of rural dean in their turns, and shall be bound to pay half of the extraordinary charges, and to provide the *processionalia* or processional candles. The ordinary charges and all tithes of sheaves, hay, fishing, fowling, dead wood, and mortuaries, and all small tithes issuing from our demesne lands and mills and all other things not assigned to the vicar shall pertain to us and our successors.

Moreover the said abbot and the said vicar have renounced all appeals, &c.

These things were done in a certain high chamber within the wall of the said monastery of Keynsham on the 20th day of November A.D. 1404.

Present Master Richard Pittes, vicar-general; Sir Giles Spenser, priest; John Mellys, clerk; William Chewton, and Philip Kydell, of the dioceses of Wells, Lincoln, and Worcester and others *in multitudine copiosa.*

Dated as regards the setting to of our common seal of the abbot convent, in our chapter house, at Keynsham, the 2nd day of January A.D. 1404. And as regards the setting to of the said vicar-general's seal, on the 4th day of the same month of January.

We, Henry, the Bishop abovesaid, do confirm it.

Fo. 31. Dated in our manor of Evercryche, 18th January A.D. 1405, and the 5th year of our consecration.

160. The King's writ to Bishop Henry.

Because Peter, rector of the church of Gosebradon, lately occupier of 20 acres of land and meadow in Gosebradon, co. Somerset, is a clerk and beneficed in your diocese, having no lay fee in the counties of Somerset and Dorset whereby he can be distrained, as William Wroth, our sheriff of the counties aforesaid, returned at our Exchequer on the morrow of St. Hilary last. We command you that you cause your said clerk to come before the Barons of our said Exchequer, at Westminster, on the morrow of the Close of Easter to render to us an account of the issue of the land and meadow aforesaid, which a certain King of England gave and granted, and by his letters patent confirmed to the rector of the church there to provide a chaplain to celebrate masses and other divine services in the chapel of Gosebradon every day for the souls of the kings of England, and also for the souls of John Myriet and his successors for ever. Which said 20 acres are held of us in chief by knight service, and were occupied by him for a year last elapsed before the 5th day of October in the third year of our reign, and he took the issue thereof for the same time. Witness, J. Cokeyn, at Westminster, 11th Feb. in the fifth year of our reign.

By the account of Henry Viel, escheator, 24th Nov. in the second year of the now King to 8th Nov. next following, and by

an Inquisition taken before John Lutterell, sheriff of Somerset and Dorset, which is amongst the writs of Trinity Term 3 Hen. IV.

161. The King's writ to Bishop Henry.

We command you, as often we have done, that you cause William, rector of the church of Estapelonde, occupier of fifty acres of land and pasture in Estapelonde, co. Somerset, to come before the Barons of our Exchequer, at Westminster, on the morrow of the Close of Easter to render to us an account of the issue of the said fifty acres, which a certain King of England granted and confirmed by his letters patent to the rectory of the church of Estapelonde to provide a chaplain to celebrate masses and other divine services in the parish church of Estapelonde three days in the week, viz., on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday every year, for ever, for the souls of his ancestors and successors. Which said fifty acres are held of us in chief by knight service, and were occupied by him for six years last elapsed before the 13th day of October in the 3rd year of our reign. And sent back this writ. Witness J. Cokayn, at Westminster, 20th Feb. in the 5th year of our reign. By the roll of accounts of Henry Viell, late escheator, in the county of Somerset from 24th Nov. in the second year of the now King to 8th Nov. next following, and (by) a certain inquisition taken before John Lutterell, the sheriff, which is amongst the writs executed for the King in Trinity term in the third year of the now King; and by the Memoranda Roll of the said fifth year, Mich. Term, "writs returned," roll xl.

162. The King's writ to Bishop Henry. Because William Lambroke, clerk, late receiver of King Richard II, in the counties of Devon and Cornwall, is a clerk and beneficed in your diocese having no lay fee in the counties of Somerset and Dorset whereby he can be distrained. We command you that you cause the said William to come before the Barons of our Exchequer on the morrow of the Close of Easter to render an account of the issues of his office aforesaid for the time when he was receiver. Witness J. Cokayn, at Westminster, the 21st day of January in the fifth year of our reign.

163. 6th March A.D. 1404. Letters dimissory for John Veyr, of Wells, deacon, to the order of priest; and for John Combe, subdeacon, of the diocese of Wells, to the order of deacon and priest.

164. 16th April A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Sir

Richard Carter, priest, to the church of Ketenare, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Rede, at the presentation of Thomas de Bratton, lord of Ketenare, "domicellus."

165. 23rd April in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Wodehous, priest, to the church of Great Weston near Quenecammel, vacant by the death of Sir John Carswell, at the presentation of John Mountagu, lord of Sutton Mountagu.

166. 25th April in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Smyth, priest, of Yevele, to the church of Loketon, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Vynegre, the last rector, at the presentation of William Staunton, esquire, lord of Loketon.

Fo. 32. 167. 1st April A.D. 1404. Letters dimissory for Robert atte Welle, acolyte, of the diocese of Wells, to all holy orders.

168. 10th May, year abovesaid. Letters dimissory for William Sawyer, *alias* Chamberleyn, having the first tonsure, &c.

169. 12th May A.D. 1404. Letters dimissory for Richard Froggemere, subdeacon, to the orders of deacon and priest.

170. 20th May. Letters dimissory for John Craas, deacon, Robert Wynchestre, subdeacon, John Moreward, subdeacon, Robert Lovecok, acolyte, John Carter, acolite, and John Clerk, acolite, of the diocese of Wells, to all, &c.

171. Last day of May A.D. 1404. The vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Richard atte Yatte, rector of Bricheford, diocese of Wells, and Sir John Halys, otherwise called Sparwe, rector of Shenly, diocese of Lincoln, and instituted the said John to the church of Bricheford, presented by Simon Bret and Thomas Shippeley, esquires, and Joan and Isabella, their wives; and the said Richard to the church of Shenley.

172. 19th June, year abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Edmund Steppe, rector of Stowelle, diocese of Wells, and Master John Russale, rector of Teffont, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said John to the church of Stowelle, presented by Adam Ramsey, and the said Edmund to the church at Teffont.

173. 15th June, year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted John Saly, priest, to the chantry of the chapel of St. John the Baptist, of Southpederton, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Hayward, at the presentation of Joan, Queen

of England, by reason of the minority of John, son and heir of Giles Daubeney, knight.

174. 19th June, year aforesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Offwyll, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Pytmynstre, Bath and Wells, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

175. The vicar-general to Richard Stourton, rector of Middelton Podymor, diocese of Bath and Wells.

We dispense that you may follow general study in England for seven years. Provided that your church be not defrauded of its services and that the cure of souls be not neglected, and that you leave a fit proxy.

Wells, 5th April A.D. 1403.

176. Westminster, 17th May 5 Henry IV [A.D. 1404].

The King's writ to Bishop Henry commanding him to appoint certain trustworthy men of the clergy of his diocese to levy and collect the subsidy and tenth of ecclesiastical benefices and offices to which temporalities or spiritualities are annexed, of the said province, not taxed nor accustomed to pay the tenth, exceeding the sum of 100*s.* of yearly value granted at the convocation of the province of Canterbury at St. Paul's, London, commenced 21st April last and continued till the 6th May next following.

177. 28th June A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Bronewyn, priest, to the chantry of Richard Wellys, burgess of the town of Bristol, founded in the chapel of St. Thomas, Bristol, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Thomas Brokende, at the presentation of John Barstaple, mayor of Bristol, by reason of the mayoralty of the town aforesaid. Fo. 33.

178. 9th July, year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Cook, priest, to the parish church of Hardyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir William Schawe, to which he was presented by the strenuous knight, Sir Peter Courteney.

"Non solvit feoda quia familiaris domini vicarii generalis."

179. John, abbot of Michelneye, and the convent of the same to Bishop Henry.

We present John Bakham, priest, to the chantry of the altar of St. Martin, in the church of Wells.

Dated in our chapter house 10th July A.D. 1404.

180. 12th July in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general

instituted Sir John Caumberleyn, to the chantry of St. Mary, of Alre, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Hasilbergh, at the presentation of Sir Peter Courteney, knight. The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

181. 21st July A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Master John Gorwell, "utriusque juris doctor," to the church of Norton near Taunton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir William Hals, at the presentation of Richard Haukeford.

182. 2nd August in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Burhall, to the perpetual vicarage of Mere, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Elys, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

183. Last day of August in the year abovesaid, the vicar admitted Master Walter Medeford to the prebend of Barton, in the church of Wells, at Salisbury, by authority, &c. Nil.

184. On the 5th day of August in the year abovesaid. Licence for Sir Baldwyn Malet, knight, and his wife to have masses celebrated in their oratory in their manor of Enemere, diocese of Wells, for a year.

185. On the 9th day of August in the year abovesaid, a letter of inquisition was issued, directed to Master Thomas Benet, rector of Lydeard St. Lawrence, concerning the right of patronage of the chantry of the Blessed Mary, of Combeflory.

186. Dominus Johannes Bacham institutus in vicaria de Seaunton,[1] apud Sarum, quo die nescio. Nihil solvit. Per priorem et conventum de Taunton.

187. 6th Sept. in the year abovesaid, a letter was sent under the seal of the vicar-general to the archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct Sir John Lincoln or his proctor into possession of the prebend of Bedmynstre and Redeclyve.

188. 16th Sept. in the year abovesaid. Letters dimissory for John Wyzt, acolyte, to all holy orders.

189. Dominus Robertus Burgh, vicarius domini Ricardi Pittes, institutus in cantaria altaris sancti Martini. Nil solvit. Per abbatem de Muchelney, etc.

190. 24th Sept. in the year abovesaid. The vicar-general instituted Sir John Lylye, priest, to the church of Wandestre, vacant by the death of Master John Wryngton, at the presentation of Thomas Bathe, "domicellus."

[1] This name is doubtful.

191. 7th October A.D. 1404, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Richard Spicer, rector of Clutton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir William Bedmond, vicar of Stoklond, diocese of Salisbury, at Salisbury, and instituted the said William to the church of Clutton, presented by Sir Humphry Stafford, knight, and the said Richard to the vicarage of Stoklond.

192. 14th October in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Threder, priest, to the church of Seveburgh, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Hugh, son of Ralph de Bolyngton, of Wraggeby, at the presentation of Robert Golde. Fo. 34.

193. 7th Nov. the year abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Robert Gy, rector of Telisford, diocese of Wells, and Sir John Pikerell, vicar of Chalk, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said John to the church of Telisford at the presentation of Sir Matthew Gurney, knight, and the said Robert to the vicarage of Chalk.

194. 28th October. Licence for William Godewyn, of Bishop's Lydeard, to hear and to have masses celebrated in his oratory of Lydeard for a year.

195. 17th Nov. in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Philip Hoke, rector of Asschbritell, diocese of Bath and Wells, and William Hewys, rector of Wippingham, in the Isle of Wight, diocese of Winchester, and instituted the said William to the church of Asschebritell, at the presentation of Henry Sydenham, and the said Philip to the church of Wippingham.

196. 16th Nov. in the year abovesaid, the said vicar-general instituted Sir Nicholas Haydon, priest, to the church of Farlegh Hungerford, to which he was presented by Joan, formerly the wife of Sir Thomas Hungerford, knight.

197. 24th Nov. A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Sir Henry Totyng, clerk, to the free chapel in the manor of Kyngeston near Jevele, vacant by the death of John Elnet, at the presentation of Sir Thomas Brook, knight. Mandate to the archdeacon of Wells or his official to induct.

198. 3rd Dec. in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Pokyngton, priest, to the perpetual chantry founded for the souls of the lord Ralph de Salopia, formerly bishop of Bath and Wells, John Somerton, and others,

at the altar of St. Martin in the cathedral church of Wells. Mandate to the archdeacon of Wells to induct.

✠ 199. 11th Dec. Letters dimissory for Peter Jay and John Bardolff, subdeacons, diocese of Bath and Wells, to the orders of deacon and priest.

200. 18th Dec. in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Edward Bris, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Corston, vacant by the death of John Bosyngham, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath. Mandate to the archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct.

201. 24th Dec. in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Baker, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Woky, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir John Brentt, rector of the parish church of Mattyngho, diocese of Exon, and instituted the said Sir John to the said vicarage of Woky, at the presentation of Master Thomas de Byngham, subdean of Wells. Mandate to the official of the said subdean to induct. And he instituted the said John Baker to the church Mattyngho.

Fo. 35. 202. 25th Dec. A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Porter, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Cherleton Camvyle, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Sanford, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Kenilworth.

203. 3rd day of January in the year aforesaid [A.D. 1404–5] the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Gylle, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Brodemerston, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Goss, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Polslo, diocese of Exeter.

204. 14th January in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Fletcher, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Mylverton, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Upcote, to which he was presented by Master Thomas Polton, archdeacon of Taunton, and prebendary of Mylverton.

205. Same day and place the vicar-general appointed Sir Thomas Neuton, priest, *curator* of Sir John Doneslegh, vicar of the parish church of Cherleton Adam, broken down by old age and not having judgment of mind, to last for a year only.

206. 5th March A.D. 1404[–5], the vicar-general instituted Sir William Pope, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Estpennard,

vacant by the death of Sir John Stowylle, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glaston.

207. 7th March in the year abovesaid the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Henry Le Vek, rector of Southcadebury, diocese of Wells, and Sir John Kempton, sacristan of the royal free chapel of Wymbourne-mynstre, diocese of Salisbury, and conferred the sacristy of the said chapel on the said Henry, of the collation of Master Roger Coryngham, dean of the same chapel, and the said John to the church of Southcadebury, Margaret Peverel presenting.

208. 14th March in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Hulle, priest, to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus founded in the church of Wells, for the soul of Sir Henry Husee, formerly dean of Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir William Pokyngton.

209. 17th March in the year abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Juyll, priest, to the church of North Cryket, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Peter Byschop, to which he was presented by James Aumarle, John Pole, Robert Maynard, Thomas Hortyscote, and John ———, the true patrons for this turn.

210. 26th March A.D. 1405, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Rycheman, priest, to the parish church of Tymbresbergh, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Pratt, to which he was presented by the Lady Eleanor de St. Amand, relict of Sir Aylmer de St. Amand, knight, deceased.

211. Last day of March A.D. next abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Page, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Ilton, diocese of Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Richard Craddok, to which he was presented by Master John Cole, prebendary of Ilton.

212. 7th April. Letters dimissory for Thomas Pulton and Roger Cory, brethren of the Hospital of Bruggewater.

213. 9th April A.D. 1405, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Wyllys, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Were, vacant by the death of Sir John Smyth, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of the monastery of St. Augustine, of Bristol. Fo. 36.

214. 12th April A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Walter Stokk, priest, to the parish church of Gosebradon, vacant by the death of Sir Peter Goulle *alias* Tomy, at the

presentation of Giles Glastynbery *alias* Deverel, patron by hereditary right.

215. 14th April A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Batyn, rector of the church of Stodeley, diocese of Exeter, and John Iverey, rector of Oke, diocese of Bath and Wells, priests, and instituted the said John Batyn to the church of Oke, at the presentation of Sir Baldwyn Malet, knight, and the said John Iverey to the church of Stodley.

216. 7th May A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general admitted Sir Henry Tomas, priest, to the church of Knyghteslegh, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Noble, at the presentation, of John Aunger, "domicellus" etc. as above.

217. 25th May A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Philip Rodde, rector of Whatelegh, diocese of Wells, and Sir Thomas Norton, rector of Weybayons, diocese of Salisbury, and conferred the church of Weybayons on the said Philip, at the collation of Richard, bishop of Salisbury; and the said Thomas to the church of Whatelegh, presented by Oliver de Cervyngton.

218. 26th May A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Robert Bot, priest, to the church of Monkeselver, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of John Frye, to which he was presented by the King by reason of the temporalities of the priory of Goldclyve being in his hands at the time of the war.

219. 9th August A.D. 1405, the president and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, arranged the matter of exchange between Sir William Loveryng, rector of Merkesbury, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir Walter Mone, chaplain of the perpetual chantry for the soul of Sir John Hereforde, formerly canon of Wells, founded in the chapel of All Saints, Wells, by authority of a commission of Master R. Pyttes, the vicar-general, and instituted the said Walter to the church of Merkesbury at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastyngbury.

220. 15th August A.D. 1405, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Robert Burgh, perpetual vicar of Pourstoke, diocese of Salisbury, and Sir John Halleyn, rector of Compton Pauncefot, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said Robert to the church of Compton, presented by Thomas Pauncefoyt, "domicellus," and the said John to the vicarage of Pourstoke.

221. Last day of August A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Harcombe, perpetual chaplain at the altar of St. Mary in the parish church of Crokhorn, diocese of Wells, and Sir William Clerk, rector of Stawe St. James, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said William to the said chantry, at the presentation of Sir Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon; and the said John to the church of Stawe St. James.

222. 16th December A.D. 1404, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Pecok, priest, to the parish church of Shepton Malet, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Gregory Butteley, to which he was presented by Sir Leonard Hakeluyt.

Staret superius ad tale signum. ✠

(Vide No. 199.)

223. 9th October A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir William Plonte, rector of Northstoke, diocese of Wells, and John Tyght, perpetual vicar of Colerne, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said John to the church of Northstoke at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath, and the said William to the vicarage of Colerne. Fo. 37.

224. 15th October, Henry, Bishop of Bath and Wells, arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Thomas Norton, rector of Whateley, diocese of Wells, and Master John Payn, perpetual vicar of Sombourne, diocese of Winchester, at Banewelle, and instituted the said John to the church of Whateley at the presentation of Oliver Cervyngton, "domicellus," and the said Thomas to the vicarage of the church of Sombourne, presented by the prior and convent of Motesfonte.

225. On the day abovesaid the Bishop arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Morchard, perpetual vicar of Brompton Regis, diocese of Wells, and William Drw, perpetual vicar of Lytelham, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said William to the vicarage of Brompton Regis at the presentation of the prior and convent of Berlych, and the said John Morchard to the vicarage of Lytelham.

226. 26th November A.D. abovesaid, Master Richard Pittes, the vicar-general, arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Lodre, perpetual vicar of Stokegummer, diocese of Wells, and John Lange, rector of Bykelegh, diocese of Exeter, and

instituted the said John Lange to the vicarage of Stokegummer at the presentation of Master Richard Harewelle, canon of Wells, and *firmarius* of the perpetual farm of the parish church of Stokegummer; and the said John Lodre to the church of Bykelegh, presented by Sir Philip Courtenay, knight.

227. 2nd December A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Robert Offecote, priest, vicar of Queen's Cammell, diocese of Wells, and Sir William Pykeslegh, rector of Cornwode, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said William to the vicarage of Queen's Cammell at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Clyve, and the said Robert to the church of Cornwode, presented by Guy, bishop of St. Davids.

228. Bishop Henry to all abbots, priors, rectors, chaplains and other his subjects throughout his city and diocese.

We have appointed John Boghe, clerk, of our diocese, the bearer of these presents, as our chief apparitor throughout our city and diocese, with power to exercise all things pertaining to the said office. We require and ask you to admit the said John kindly when he comes to execute the said office.

Banewell, 12th Feb. A.D. 1405, and the fifth of our consecration.

229. 2nd March A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Master Ralph Canon, rector of Heighame, diocese of Wells, and Master Thomas Benet, canon of the cathedral church of Lichfield, and prebendary of Berkeswych and Whityngton, diocese of Lichfield, and conferred the said canonry and prebend with the church of Heighehamme on the said Thomas, and instituted him.

230. 19th January in the year abovesaid, Bishop Henry arranged the matter of exchange between Sir William Patryk, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Kynmersdon, diocese of Bath and Wells and Sir Edmund Gamage, rector of Hardyngton, in the same diocese, and instituted the said Edmund to the said vicarage at the presentation of brother Walter Grendon, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England and the said William to the church of Hardyngton.

Fo. 38. 231. 3rd March A.D. 1405, Master Richard Pittes, vicar-general, instituted Sir John Bovyngdon, priest, to the parish church of Foxcote, vacant by the free resignation of Master Thomas Benet, the last rector.

232. Same day, &c., the vicar-general instituted Sir William Webbe, priest, to the church of Ayscholt, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Stephen Walsche, the last rector, at the presentation of Thomas Trow.

233. 19th March A.D. next above written, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Wycham, rector of Chefcombe, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir Edmund Stoppe, rector of Teffonte, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Edmund to the church of Chefcombe, at the presentation of William Powlet, esquire, and the said John to the church of Teffonte.

234. 11th March A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Benet to the parish church of Loketon, vacant by the death of Sir William Smyth, the last rector, at the presentation of William Staunton, lord of Loketon.

235. 18th March A.D. above written, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Brygge, priest, to the chantry of the Blessed Mary in the church of Estcoker, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Trapsse, the last chaplain, at the presentation of Sir Philip Courtenay. The Archdeacon of Wells to induct.

236. Johannes Storthwayt, registrarius reverendi patris ac domini, domini Henrici Dei gracia Bathonensis et Wellensis episcopi, plene solvit de feodis sibi provenientibus de hiis que in officio suo expediuntur tempore suo ante decimum octavum mensis Marcii anno Domini M° CCC° quinto.

Scriptum propria manu.

237. 24th June A.D. 1406, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Welyngton, priest, to the church of Salford, vacant by the death of Sir William Halle, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Walter, knight.[1]

238. 29th June A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir James Hoper, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Estcoker, at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Exeter.

239. 12th August A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir William atte Howe, rector of Odecombe, diocese of Wells, and Roger atte Heerne, rector of Somerford Mautravers, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Roger to the church of Odecombe, at the presentation of

[1] domini Walteri Militis.

the prior and convent of Montagu; and the said William to the church of Somerford Mautravers.

240. 22nd August A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted John Moraunt, deacon, to the parish church of Gotehulle, vacant by the death of Sir Henry Macy, the last rector, to which he was presented by the lady Elizabeth, countess of Salisbury.

241. 23rd August A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Masters John Prophete, canon of Wells and prebendary of Yatton, and John Makworth, prebendary of Combe Quinta, and conferred the prebend of Combe Quinta on the said John Prophete, in the person of John Joudeley, "literatus," his proctor, and the prebend of Yatton on the said John Makworth, in the person of John Scot, his proctor.

Fo. 39. 242. 8th Sept. A.D. 1406, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Stephen Frogmer, perpetual vicar of Haselbear, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Gruse, perpetual vicar of Pynhoo, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said John to the vicarage of Haselbear at the presentation of Sir Richard Aldryngton, canon of Wells and prebendary of Haselbear, and the said Stephen to the vicarage of Pinhoo, presented by the prior and convent of St. Nicholas, in the city of Exeter.

243.[1] 9th Sept. a commission was issued under the vicar-general's seal to the bishop of Lincoln to arrange the exchange between Sir Lewis Kynnardeley, rector of Roubergh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Norton, rector of Huttham, diocese of Lincoln.

244. 23rd Sept. A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Plonte, perpetual vicar of Colerne, diocese of Salisbury, and Henry Hert, perpetual vicar of Southstoke, diocese of Bath and Wells, at Wells, and instituted the said Henry to the vicarage of Colerne to which he was presented by John Desford, clerk, rector of Colerne, and the said William to the vicarage of Southstoke to which he was presented by the prior and chapter of Bath.

245. 24th Sept. the vicar-general instituted John Sleper,

[1] See No. 247.

chaplain, to the perpetual chantry of the Blessed Mary in the parish church of Bruggewater vacant by the death of Sir Robert Northover, at the presentation of William Gosse and Richard Warde, stewards of the merchant guild of the town of Bruggewater.

246. Same day, the vicar-general instituted Sir Philip Holman, chaplain, to the church of Pennedommer, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Cary, the last rector, at the presentation of Edmund Dommer, "domicellus."

247. On the 26th day of the same month, at Wells, the said vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Lewis Kynnardeley, rector of Roubergh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Barton, rector of Huttham, diocese of Lincoln, and instituted the said Lewis to the church of Huttham, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Merton, diocese of Winchester, and the said John to the church of Roubergh in the person of Thomas Boydon, clerk, his proctor.

248. On the 28th day of the same month the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Excestre, rector of Trowbrigge, diocese of Salisbury, and Thomas Raly, [ ] of Bledon, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said Thomas to the church of Trowbrigge at the presentation of the King of England and Duke of Lancaster, and the said William to the church of Bledon, to which he was presented by Henry, bishop of Winchester, by default of the patron.

249. 11th October, at Dunsterre, the said vicar-general instituted Sir Adam Penneworth to the perpetual vicarage of Treverth, to which he was presented by Roger Braser, vacant by the death of Sir John Gibbes.

250. On the 15th day of the same month, at Wells, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Ford, rector of Henton Bleuet, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Richard Moton, perpetual [chaplain] of the chantry of the Blessed Mary in the parish church of Wroxale, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said John (being presented by David Cervyngton, "domicellus") to the said chantry, and the said Richard to the church of Henton, to which he was presented by Thomas Broke, knight.

251. On the 22nd day of the same month, &c., the vicar-general instituted Sir William Hawvyle *alias* Kyng to the church of Portushede, vacant by the simple resignation of

Master William Wolley, the last rector, to which he was presented by Reginald of Halle, "domicellus." The archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct.

Fo. 39. 252. On the 21st day of October A.D. 1406, in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells, Master Robert Pittes, the vicar-general, committed power to Sir William Engelond, parochial chaplain of the parish church of Porteshede, diocese of Bath and Wells, to examine Sir William Wolleye, rector of the church of Porteshede, touching the resignation made by him of his same church, and whether he was of sound mind and now is, whether he was beneficed elsewhere or had support, whence he was provided with food, or whether there was simony or unlawful agreement between him and Sir William Hawyle. Present, Master Thomas Barton, bachelor of laws, John Chilterne, notary public, and Thomas Large, clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells.

253. Afterwards on the 22nd day of the same month, in a certain chief chamber of the said rectory, the said Sir William Engelond interrogated the said Sir William Wolley upon the articles and circumstances aforesaid. Who answered that he was of good and sound memory at the time of the said resignation, and that the resignation was and is according to his intention and will.

He also said he had four marks and more by the year of rent for the term of his life.

Touching the holy evangelists of God he says that there was no simonic privity, unlawful agreement, grief, or fear.

Present, Masters Nigell Hamme, bachelor of laws, John Cokir, "domicellus," William Clyve, and Thomas Large, clerks, of the diocese of Bath and Wells.

254. Receipt of the writs under written, by R. Pittes, vicar-general, the 4th day of Nov. in the church of Wells.

The King to Bishop Henry. Cause William Langebrok, your clerk, to come before our Justices, at Westminster, on the octaves of St. Martin to answer to John, prior of Bath, of a plea that he render to him his reasonable account for the time he was the said prior's receiver, and concerning whom our sheriff of Somerset returned to our justices on the quindene of St. Michael that the said William is a clerk and beneficed in your bishopric, and has no lay fee in his bailiwick. Witness W.

Thirnyng, at W the 24th day of Oct. in the 8th year of our reign. Roll, clxix.

255. The King to Bishop Henry. Cause William Langebrok, your clerk, to come before our Justices, at Westminster, on the octaves of St. Martin to answer to the prior of Bath of a plea wherefore, whereas the same William was lately retained by Richard II to serve him in the office of his privy seal, under Richard, bishop of Worcester, then keeper of the privy seal, the said William by colour of his office, maliciously designing to disturb and boldly to defraud the said prior, went to the said prior, at Bath, to borrow 100 marks from the said prior for the late King's use, and there frightened the said prior with rough and threatening words concerning imprisonment of his body, that the same prior for fear of imprisonment there delivered 100 marks to the said William; and the same William kept them for himself and did not deliver them to the late King. And our Sheriff of Somerset returned that the said William is a clerk and beneficed in your bishopric and has no lay fee in his bailiwick whereby he can be attached.

Witness W. Thirnyng, at Westminster, 24th day of Oct. in the 8th year of our reign.

Roll, ccc.

256. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Pittes, canon of Wells.

We commit our offices to you to confer benefices of our collation or of which the collation may pertain to us by lapse of time, by reason of exchange, and not otherwise, on fit parsons, and to institute the same parsons, and to order them to be inducted.

Lenne, 18th August A.D. 1406.

257. 12th October A.D. 1406, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Hoper, vicar of Estcoker, diocese of Wells, and Sir John Lodre, rector of Bykelegh, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said John Lodre to the perpetual vicarage of Estcoker at the presentation of the dean and chapter of Exeter, and the said John Hoper to the church of Bykelegh, presented by Edward Courtenay, knight, son of Sir Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon, Robert Cary, Oger Buryn, Robert Wey, rector of Pouderham, and Gilbert Byschop.

258. 3rd Nov. year abovesaid, the vicar-general arranged Fo. 40.
the matter of exchange between Sir Thomas Warr, rector of

Cherdelynche, diocese of Wells, and Sir Richard Forst, rector of Lomena, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said Richard to the church of Cherdelynche, presented by Richard Boyton, esquire, and the said Thomas to the church of Lomena.

259. Same day, the vicar-general instituted Master Nigell Hamme, priest, to the free chapel of Claverham, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of William Broun, clerk, at the presentation of Henry Vyel, "domicellus."

260. Same day, the vicar-general instituted Master Richard Brynkele, clerk, bachelor *utriusque juris*, to the parish church of Wroxhale, vacant by the simple and free resignation of Master John Bathe, the last rector, at the presentation of Thomas Norton, esquire, lord of Wroxhale.

261. 5th Nov. A.D. aforesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Nicholas Badewey, chaplain, to the church of Crukern, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Wycombe, at the presentation of Sir Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon.

262. 9th November A.D. above written, Master Richard Pittes instituted Sir William Mulleward, priest, to the church of Skyllegate, vacant by the death of Sir William Bullok, the last rector, at the presentation of Isabella Barnabe, lady of Skyllegate.

263. 17th November in the year above written, Master Richard Pittes instituted William Dogge, clerk, having the first tonsure, to the church of Otyrhampton, vacant by the death of Hugh Wyllyng, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Thomas Swynbourne, knight, and Elizabeth Tryvet, his wife. The archdeacon of Taunton to induct.

264. 18th day of the said month, the vicar-general instituted John Hales, clerk, in the person of John Hody, his proctor, to the parish church of Wydecombe, vacant by the free resignation of Master Richard Grenevyle, the last rector, at the presentation of the King.

Fo. 41. 265. 22nd November A.D. 1406, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Chawton, priest, to the church of Berkelye, vacant by the free resignation of Sir William Mulleward, the last rector, at the presentation of Isabella Barnabe, lady of Berkelye. The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

266. 11th December A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general, at Wells, instituted Richard Stourton, clerk, to the church of

Wryngton, vacant by the death of Master William Middelworth, the last rector, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Glaston. The archdeacon of Bath to induct.

267. 15th December, year abovesaid, Master Richard Pittes, at Wells, instituted Sir Thomas Bugworth, chaplain, to the church of Fodyngton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Simon Bradeford, chaplain, the last rector, in the presence of John Spenser, notary public, to which he was presented by John Barowe, "domicellus." The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

268. Same day, the vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Plussh, chaplain, to the church of Babbecary to which he was presented by John Erlegh, "domicellus." The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

269. On the 16th day of the same month, at Wells, the vicar-general instituted Thomas Frampton, clerk, to the parish church of Norton subtus Hamedon, vacant by the death of John Boun, the last rector, to which he was presented by Edmund de la Pole, knight, and Robert de Bolton, clerk, patrons by reason of a certain feoffment, in the person of Richard Bagge, chaplain, his proctor.

270. 15th December year aforesaid, the vicar-general instituted William Talbot, chaplain, to the church of Oterhampton, vacant by the simple resignation of William Dogge, clerk, the last rector, to which he was presented by Thomas Swynbourne, knight, and Elizabeth Trivet, his wife. The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

271. On the 22nd day of October in the year abovesaid, at Wells, the vicar-general instituted John Macworth, clerk, to a canonry of the church of Wells and the prebend of Yatton, in the person of John Bonyngdon, canon of Wells, his proxy, to which he was presented by the King.

272. On the 21st day of the same month, at Wells, the same vicar arranged the matter of exchange between Masters Nicholas Danyel, chancellor of Wells, and Richard Bruton, rector of Olston, diocese of Worcester, and instituted the said Nicholas, in the person of John Bay, clerk, his proxy, to the church of Olston, and the said Richard to the chancellorship of the said church. The president and chapter further to execute, etc.

273. The King's writ to Bishop Henry.

Cause Henry Tomas, parson of the church of Angerysley, your clerk, to come before our Justices, at Westminster, to answer to William, prior of Taunton, of a plea that he render to him 40*s*. which are in arrear in respect of a yearly rent of 3*s*., which he owes him.

Witness W. Thernyng, at Westminster, 18th Nov. in the 8th year of our reign.

Roll cccclix.

274. 27th Nov. A.D. 1406, in the church of Salisbury, Master Richard Pittes, the vicar-general, arranged the matter of exchange between Master John Prophete, canon of Wells and prebendary of Combe Quinta, and Richard Hulle, chaplain or *custos* of the free chapel of St. Radegund in the crypts in the church of St. Paul, London, and instituted the said John, in the person of Thomas Peche, "literatus," his proxy, to the said chapel and the said Richard to the said canonry and prebend.

Fo. 42. 275. 18th Dec. year abovesaid, Master Richard Pittes, in his house within the close of Salisbury, instituted Sir Nicholas Parson, priest, to the cured chapel of Wayford, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir William Chamberlayn, to which he was presented by Robert Blanford, "domicellus." The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

276. 19th Dec., year above written, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs William Patryk, rector of Hardyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Maystur, chaplain or *custos* of the free chapel of St. Leonard, near Brackele, diocese of Lincoln, and instituted the said William to the said chapel, to which he was presented by Sir John, lord of Lovell and Holand, and the said John to the church of Hardyngton, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Keynsham. The archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct.

277. 10th January A.D. 1406[-7], the vicar-general, at Wells, instituted Sir Stephen Anstewelle, chaplain, to the church of Tymbusburgh, vacant by the death of John Hogge, the last rector, to which he was presented by Eleanor de St. Amand. The archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct.

278. 11th January. Letters dimissory for — Sexteyn, acolyte, to all orders.

279. 19th January A.D. 1406[-7], the vicar-general arranged

the matter of exchange between Masters Thomas Benet, rector of Heighehame and Richard Bruton, priests, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Mynhed, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said Richard to the church of Heighehamme at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastyngbury, and the said Thomas to the said vicarage at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

280. 5th Feb. A D. above written, Master Richard Pittes instituted Richard Keynes, clerk, to the parish church of Estdevelyssh, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Cok, the last rector, at the presentation of John Keynes, esquire. The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

281. Same day. The vicar abovesaid instituted Sir John Corbyn, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Dunsterre, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Ryver, to which he was presented by the prior and chapter of Bath. The archdeacon of Taunton to induct.

282. 18th Feb. year abovesaid, Master Richard Pittes arranged the matter of exchange between Sir John Lylie, rector of Wandestre, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir Ralph Sterte, perpetual vicar of Stupellavyngton, diocese of Salisbury, and instituted the said Ralph to the church of Wandestre at the presentation of Thomas Bathe, "domicellus," and the said John to the said vicarage, presented by the rector and convent of Edyndon, diocese of Salisbury.

283. 18th March in the year aforesaid, Master Richard Pittes instituted Sir John Nichol, priest, to the church of Dommerespenne, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Philip Holleman, the last rector, at the presentation of Edmund Dommere, esquire. The archdeacon of Taunton to induct. Fo. 43.

284. 24th March A.D. abovesaid, the venerable man abovesaid arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Henry Thomas, rector of Knyghtesleygh, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Chamberlayne, rector of Codelegh, diocese of Exeter, and instituted the said John to the church of Knyghteslegh, at the presentation of John Aunger, and the said Henry to the church of Codelegh, presented by James Aumarle, John Pole, Robert Maynard, and Thomas Hertescote.

285. 5th April A.D. 1407, the venerable man abovesaid instituted Sir William Rose, priest, to the parish church of Whethull, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Sir

Henry Whytlok, the last rector, at the presentation of John Stourton. The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

286. 7th April A.D. above written, the said venerable man arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Goolde, vicar of Fyfhid, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Robert Eston, perpetual vicar of Shepton Mountagu, priests, and instituted the said John to the vicarage of Shepton Mountagu at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton, and the said Robert to the perpetual vicarage of Fyfhyde at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelnye.

287. 13th April A.D. 1407, Master Richard Pittes arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Horton, vicar of Kyngesbury, diocese of Wells, and Thomas Ralegh, rector of Trowbrygge, diocese of Salisbury, priests, and instituted the said Thomas to the perpetual vicarage of Kyngebury at the presentation of Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, and the said John to the church of Trowbrygge, presented by the King.

288. 23rd April A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Fekford, priest, to the church of Charlecombe, diocese of Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Robert Langrygge, the last rector, to which he was presented by Thomas Rygge, "domicellus."

289. The vicar-general on the 12th day of May A.D. abovesaid, instituted Sir John Morward, priest, to the chapel of the chantry of the Blessed Margaret, of Wyke, near Langeport, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Craas, at the presentation of Nicholas Poulet, "domicellus."

290. 13th May A.D. above, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Plomer, priest, to the church of Stokepiro, vacant by the simple resignation of Sir Spoer, the last rector, presented by Simon Atte Combe

291. 24th May, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Payne, rector of Whatley, diocese of Wells, and John Grene, rector of Muchelmarissh, diocese of Winchester, priests, and instituted the said John Grene to the church of Whatley at the presentation of Oliver Cervyngton, "domicellus," and the said John Payn to the church of Muchelmarissh.

Fo. 44. 292. 4th July A.D. 1407, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Fenton, perpetual vicar of Pittemynstre, diocese of Wells, and John Blakelake, rector of

Stodelygh, diocese of Exeter, priests, and instituted the said John Blakelake to the perpetual vicarage of Pyttemynstre at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton, and the said John Fenton to the church of Stodelygh, presented by Eleanor Fytz Payn.

293. 16th July A.D. abovesaid, Master Richard Pittes instituted Sir John Bryce, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Hewyssh and Lamport, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Skynner, to which he was presented by John Iklyngton, archdeacon of Wells.

294. 20th July A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Hert, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Canyngton, to which he was presented by the prioress and convent of Canyngton.

295. 4th July A.D. 1407, at Wells. The letters certificatory of Sir Thomas Stanle, dean of Wells, concerning the exchange between Sirs William Ballard, perpetual vicar of Twyverton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Roo, chaplain of the perpetual chantry at the high altar in the chapel of the Blessed Mary near the cloister of the church of Wells founded for the souls of —— Godeley, Joan, his wife, Hamelin de Godeley, John de Briweton and all their benefactors and all the faithful deceased, of the collation of the said dean, having been reported; because it appeared that the said dean had admitted and instituted the said Sir John Roo, by authority of the reverend father, to the said vicarage by reason of the said exchange, at the presentation of the prioress and nuns of Kyngdon, diocese of Salisbury, it was written to the archdeacon of Bath or his official to induct the said William Ballard.

296. 4th August A.D. above written, the vicar-general instituted William Prestwyk, clerk, to the church of Wrythlyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to which he was presented by John Wakeryng, prebendary of Wrytelyngton and Fordyngton in the cathedral church of Salisbury.

297. 19th August A.D. 1407, the vicar-general instituted Matthew Wonston, clerk, to the church of Maperton, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Croksale, the last rector, to which he was presented by James Aumarle, John Pole, Robert Maynard, and Thomas Hortescote.

298. 2nd Sept. A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Robert Leuermour, chaplain, to the church of Odecombe,

diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Roger atte Hurne, the last rector, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Mountagu. The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

299. 1st October A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Wake, priest, to the church of Estdevelyssch, vacant by the simple resignation of Sir Richard Keynes, the last rector, to which he was presented by John Keynes, esquire.

300. 7th October A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Wylyot to the church of Wydecombe, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Hales, the last rector, presented by the King.

301. Same day. The vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Rouland, priest, to the perpetual chantry of Whatle, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Cervyngton, to which he was presented by Oliver Cervyngton.

302. 12th October A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Mollyng, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Montacute, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Montacute.

303. 18th October A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Thomas Drayton, clerk, to the church of Lydeard St. Lawrence, vacant by the free resignation of Master Richard Drayton, the last Rector, presented by the prior and convent of Taunton.

Fo. 45. 18th October A.D. 1407, the vicar-general instituted Thomas Drayton, clerk, to the church of Lydeard St. Lawrence.

304. 16th October, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sir Thomas Passewar, rector of the church of Charles, diocese of Exeter, and Thomas Hermyngeston, perpetual vicar of Halse, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said Thomas Passewar to the perpetual vicarage of Halse at the presentation of Brother Walter Grendon, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and the said Thomas Hornyngeston to the church of Charles, presented by Thomas Kyngeslond.

305. The vicar-general, 25th October, instituted Sir Nicholas Lok, priest, to the perpetual chantry of Wyke near Langeport, to which he was presented by Nicholas Poulet.

306. xxviij die Octobris misit ad M. meum M. J. Storthwayt pro finali solucione feodorum ante istum diem sibi debitum per M. J. Or' ad Gloucestriam duas marcas et iiij. denarios.

307. 2nd November A.D. above written, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Wolyngton, rector of Saltford, diocese of Wells, and Thomas Kent, rector of Rempton, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said John to the church of Rempton at the presentation of Henry, bishop of Winchester, and the said Thomas to the church of Saltford to which he was presented by Sir Walter Rodeney, knight.

[Marginal note.]

"Solutum est michi J. Storthwayt plene de proventibus officii mei usque in vij die Novembris anno Domini M°CCCC^mo^ septimo. Et recepi iiij. s. iiij. d. de officio Barbitonsoris."

308. 9th November A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Wenelok, priest, to the church of Creket Malherbe, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Juyl, the last rector, to which he was presented by James Aumarle, John Pole, Robert Maynard, and Thomas Hertescote.

309. 17th November A.D. aforesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Strode, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Aschulle, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Bowns, at the presentation of Master Richard Bruton, canon of Wells, and prebendary of Aschulle.

310. 28th November A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Berbrit, priest, to the chantry or chapel of the Blessed Mary in the parish church of Lymyngton, vacant by the death of Sir William Chauntour, to which he was presented by John Strettn, John Churchull, and Andrew Rydon.

311. 1st December A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Thomas Newton, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Charleton Adam, vacant by the death of Sir John Donneslegh, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

312. 7th December A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir William Preston, priest, to the church of Pylton, vacant by the simple resignation of Sir John Kyle, at the presentation of Master Ralph Erghum, precentor of Wells.

313. 21st December A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Dunster to the church of Hatche Beauchamp, vacant by the death of Sir John Crafte, the last rector, to which he was presented by Roger Seymour, esquire. The archdeacon of Taunton to induct.

314. 1st January A.D. abovesaid [1407–8], the vicar-general

instituted Sir John Wetherhurde *alias* Blakedon in the person of Thomas Bugworth, his proxy, to the church of Henton Bluet, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Morton, the last rector, to which he was presented by Sir Thomas Broke, knight.

Fo. 46. 315. 7th January A.D. 1407[-8], the vicar-general instituted Sir Henry Nansinner, priest, to the parish church of Northcadbury, vacant by the death of Sir John Ferour, the last rector, to which he was presented by dame Elizabeth, lady of Botreaux.

"Post istum institutionem solvi M. Stourthwayt pro feodis xiiij. s. et sic eque in toto."

316. Last day of January A.D. 1407[-8], Master Richard Pyttes and Richard Drayton, canons of Wells, specially deputed commissaries of Bishop Henry, confirmed the election of brother Robert Newton, subprior and canon professed of the monastery of Taunton, as prior of the said monastery, in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the cloister of the church of Wells, and ordered the said elect and confirmed to be inducted by the archdeacon of Taunton or his official.

(The Commission, which is incomplete, mentions Walter Coke as the last prior.)

317. 3rd February A.D. aforesaid, Master Richard Pittes the vicar-general instituted Sir William Chamberleyn *alias* Sawyer, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Milton Clyvedon, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Muleward, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

318. Bishop Henry to Masters Richard Pittes, vicar-general, and Thomas Cosin, canons of Wells.

Whereas Richard Hull, canon of Wells and prebendary of Combe quinta, and John Hody, rector of Wotton Courtenay, diocese of Wells, intend to exchange their said benefices, we being hindered by various and arduous matters of our church and of our lord the King of England so that we cannot at present personally attend to the arrangement of the said exchange, commit our offices to you.

London, last day of January A.D. 1407[-8].

319. 7th Feb. A.D. 1407[-8], the vicar-general instituted Master John Hody, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Queen's Cammel, vacant by the death of Sir William Pygeslegh, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Clyve.

Fo. 47. 320. 6th Feb. A.D. 1407[-8], the vicar-general arranged the

matter of exchange between Sir Richard Hulle, canon of Wells, and prebendary of Combe quinta, and Master John Hody, rector of Wotton Courteney, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said Richard, in the person of John Combe, his proxy, to the church of Wotton, and the said John Hody to the said canonry and prebend, to which he was presented by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, Henry, bishop of Winchester, Thomas, bishop of Durham, Richard Bruton, and Thomas Terry, canons of Wells, to whom the King committed the custody of the temporalities of the bishopric of Bath and Wells together with the fees and advowsons of dignities, personages, offices, canonries and prebends in the church of Wells.

321. The same vicar-general on the 6th day of February A.D. abovesaid arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Thomas Brunnyng, rector of Holford, diocese of Wells, and Nicholas Hoper *alias* Lecche, perpetual vicar of Chilterne Dommer, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said Thomas to the perpetual vicarage of Chilterne Dommer at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton, and the said Nicholas to the church of Holford, to which he was presented by the King.

322. 16th Feb. A.D. abovesaid. Letters dimissory for Robert Colnet, deacon, to the order of priest. Reginald Smyth, acolyte, to all [holy orders].

323. 17th Feb. A.D. abovesaid, the same vicar-general instituted Thomas Shelford, clerk, to a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Wedmour secunda, vacant by the death of Sir John Gamull, to which he was presented by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury [&c. as No. 320].

324. 21st Feb. A.D. aforesaid, the same vicar-general instituted Sir John Haliwelle, priest, to a canonry of the church of Wells and the prebend of Dynre, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Hugh Haneworth, to which he was presented by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury [&c. as No. 320].

325. Bishop Henry to Master Richard Pittes, his vicar-general, and Richard Drayton, doctor of laws, his official, canons of Wells.

We commit our offices to you to admit Thomas Cryshale, priest, to a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Fourteenth Combe to which he is presented by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, [&c. as No. 320].

London, 15th Feb. A.D. 1407 [-8].

326. 25th Feb. A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Cryshale, priest, to a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Fourteenth Combe, vacant by the free resignation of Master Robert Noel.

Fo. 48. 327. 5th March A.D. 1407 [-8] the vicar-general instituted Sir Richard Bacaler, priest, to the parish church of Thurlokeston, diocese of Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Thomas Sore *alias* Nicolas, the last rector, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Taunton.

328. viij die Marcii dominus vicarius-generalis fecit deliberari originale subscripte commissionis Magistro J. Bogh.

Bishop Henry to Master Richard Pittes, vicar-general, and Richard Drayton, doctor of laws, canons of Wells.

We grant power to you to examine the matter of the election of brother Robert Newton, subprior of Taunton, as prior of the said monastery or priory, of the order of St. Augustine, vacant by the death of brother Walter Coke, to confirm the said Robert and to install and induct him.

London, 23rd January A.D. 1407 [-8].

329. 21st March A.D. 1407 [-8], Master Richard Pittes instituted Sir John Wogge, priest, to the church of Halton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Thomas Rudde, the last rector, to which he was presented by the King by reason of the custody of the land and heir of William de Botreaux, knight, deceased, being in the said King's hands.

Fo. 48b. 330. Bishop Nicholas to Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of the cathedral church of Wells.

Because it behoves us to be absent from our city and diocese of Bath and Wells for some time for certain arduous causes, by these presents we appoint and constitute you our vicar-general in spiritual matters, and we commit our offices to you to receive resignations to be made of ecclesiastical benefices, to admit and institute parsons, &c., until we shall think fit to revoke them.

In our house in the parish of St. Clement Danes 5th April A.D. 1408.

331. 16th June A.D. 1408, Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of the church of Wells, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Marschall, rector of the church of Sampford Brett, diocese of Wells, and Stephen Payn, rector of the church of Benehangre, diocese of Wells, and instituted the

said John to the church of Benehangre at the presentation of Master Richard Courtenay, canon of Wells and prebendary of Whytchurche, and the said Stephen to the church of Sampford Brett, in the person of Sir Walter Gybbes, priest, substitute of William Oldom, clerk, original proctor of the said Stephen.

The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

332. 13th June A.D. above written, the vicar-general granted letters dimissory for William Clyve, diocese of Wells, clerk, to all orders as well minor as holy.

333. 20th June, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Newman, perpetual vicar of the church of Fyfyde Magdaleyne, diocese of Salisbury, and Walter Hawkyn, rector of Ronyngton, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said Walter to the vicarage of Fyfyde Magdaleyne at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, Bristol, and the said John to the church of Ronyngton, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Taunton. Fo. 49.

334. 22nd June, the vicar-general instituted Sir Robert Wattes, priest, to the perpetual chantry of St. Mary within the manor of John Brent, esquire, at La Ford, diocese of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Alganer, to which he was presented by the said John Brent.

335. 14th July A.D. abovesaid, the vicar-general instituted Sir Thomas Hykeman, priest, to the parish church of Burnet, diocese of Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Hoper, the last rector, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Tewkesbury diocese of Worcester.

336. 19th July A.D. 1508, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Woborne, vicar of the church of Mulborneport, diocese of Wells, and Thomas Attele, rector of Templecombe, in the said diocese, and instituted the said John to the church of Templecombe at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shaiton, and the said Thomas to the perpetual vicarage of Mulborneport, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Cirencester, diocese of Worcester. Fo. 50b.

337. Richard Bruton, vicar-general, to the dean of Redeclef and the perpetual vicar there, and also to all chaplains, cured and not cured in the parish of Redeclef and celebrating divine services in the chapel of St. Thomas.

"Fama publica referente ad nostrum pervenit auditum quod quidam iniquitatis filii, evangelicam veritatem non sobrie

sapientes, sed contra doctrinam apostolicam non missi falcem mittunt in segetem alienam, predicando et dicendo articulos erroneos catholice fidei contrarios."

We commit to you jointly and severally "quatinus omnibus et singulis predicare et docere aliqua fidem catholicam tangencia publice vel occulte in villa Bristoll," jurisdictioni dicti reverendi patris notorie subdita et subjecta, cupientibus, inhibeatis et faciatis inhiberi expresse ne aliqua fidem catholicam tangencia predicare aut docere, vel de eis quomodolibet disputare publice vel occulte presumant, nisi prius fuerint ad hoc, auctoritate dicti reverendi patris, admissi; vel in aliqua universitate aut studio generali notorie graduati, vel saltem in alique quatuor ordinum mendicancium expresse professi, et per suos superiores ad hoc missi. Et si quos tales hujusmodi inhibicioni contrarios inveneritis, citetis eosdem seu citari faciatis peremptorie quod, compareant coram nobis, &c. Wells, 2nd August A.D. 1408.

Fo. 51. 338. 6th August, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Hausforde, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Mynhede, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Master Thomas Benett, in the person of William Brett, clerk, his proxy, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Bruton.

The archdeacon of Taunton or his official to induct.

339. 18th August, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Drayton *alias* Bonde, rector of the church of Suttacombe, diocese of Exeter, and Thomas Rale, perpetual vicar of Kyngesbury, diocese of Wells, and instituted the said John to the vicarage of Kyngesbury at the presentation of the said Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, by reason of his chancellorship, and the said Thomas to the church of Suttacombe, presented by Sir Ivo Fitz Wareyn, knight

340. 25th August, the vicar-general instituted Sir Robert Toth, priest, to the church of St. John the Baptist in Ivelchestre, vacant by the death of Sir Henry Fl'cz, the last rector, at the presentation of King Henry IV. The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

341. 27th August, Master Richard Bruton instituted Sir John Bernard, clerk, to the free chapel of Claverham, vacant by the free and simple resignation of Master Nigell Hamme, at the presentation of Henry Vyel, "domicellus."

342. 1st September, A.D. aforesaid, the vicar-general

arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs John Iuerey, rector of Clyst St. Lawrence, diocese of Exeter, and William Bedmond, rector of Clotton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said John to the church of Clotton, at the presentation of Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight, and the said William to the church of Clyst.

343. Richard, Bishop of London, to Bishop Nicholas. We received the letters of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, on the 13th day of August, in the year of our Lord below written. "Thomas, *etc.* Terribilis in consiliis super filiis hominum dominus noster Ihesus Christus. Rex regum et dominus dominancium, qui aufert spiritum principum, qui respicit terram et facit eam tremere, ac cetera queque firmiora flatu oris sui ad instar pulveris, quem prout ventus a facie terre a sua stabilita disposicione elidit ascensurus ad Patrem unum virum perfectum electum ex nubibus vices suas gesturum in terris habentem potestatem animas hominum ligandi . . . Sane quod dolenter referrimus scisma presens quod inter dictum dominum nostrum papam et adversarium suum, qui loco secundi capitis in unico corpore militantis ecclesie per viam monstri se adjungit tam racione diurnitatis temporis quam fortudinis parcium sibi adherencium aliorumque periculorum innumerabilium circa id emergencium, que omnia ad presens recitare non expedit, nec possent de facili scripti serie comprehendi tantas inconveniencias continuare, videtur ad dilacionem ulteriorem capere non poterit neque debet. Scitur namque a pluribus, et quasi reperitur notorium, quod dominus noster papa modernis, ante eleccionem suam, in ipsa sua assumpcione, et post, promisit, juravit, et vovit Deo et toti mundo quod unionem in ecclesia Dei quam cito posset, per viam tunc expressam, perficeret, juxta vires prout super hiis bullas suas direxit, tocius mundi principibus. Jam tamen, ut scribunt cardinales, asseruntque nonnulli ab ipsa via desistit, nolens perficere quod promisit. Nos igitur timentes ne cum dictus Rex terribilis cultores vineæ visitabit . . . Volentesque de pedibus nostris necligencie pulverem prudenter excutere, de consilio et assensu domini nostri regis, pro remedio meliori in materia antedicta habendo, confratres nostros, *etc.* fecimus convocari, ac ibidem, deliberacione communi, decrevimus, adhibito prius consensu domini nostri regis, quod idem dominus noster rex, nomine suo, omnium prelatorum et procerum, ac cleri et communitatis regni sui, transmittat ambassiatores solempnes ad

requirendum dominum nostrum papam, humiliter, filialiter, reverencialiter et caritative, ad adimplendo unionis ecclesie viam per ipsum assumptam pariter et electam, cum aliquali caritativa comminacione recessus obediencie ab eodem in casu quo premissa non curaverit adimplere. Quodque omnia que creduntur continuacionis ejusdem scismatis incentiva interim suspendantur . . . ."

Commands him to collect the 1½d from each pound of tax, within his diocese of London, granted by the prelates and clergy from ecclesiastical goods and benefices taxed for the tenth, for the ambassador's expenses, before Michaelmas next, and to pay it to Master Richard Brynkeley, dean of St. Mary de Arcubus, or Master John Perche, registrar of the Court of Canterbury, also to command the suffragans throughout the Province of Canterbury to cause the same to be collected in their dioceses. Datum in manerio nostro de Lambith decimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini Millesimo CCCCmo octavo. By authority of which we intimate to your fatherhood that you cause the said 1½d to be levied throughout your diocese.

Fulham, 18th August A.D. abovesaid.

[Marginal note.]

Receipt of these presents at Wells by the vicar-general 2nd Sept. A.D. within written.

344. 4th Sept. A.D. above written, a commission was issued under the vicar-general's name to the abbot and convent of Clyve to execute the mandate above written.

345. 13th Sept. a commission was issued under the name and seal of the vicar-general directed to the dean of Salisbury to arrange the matter of exchange between Sirs John Hert, vicar of Canyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, and William Baron, vicar of Lyme, diocese of Salisbury, of the peculiar jurisdiction of the said dean. Subsequently, viz., 20th day of Sept. The archdeacon of Taunton or his official was ordered to induct the said William.

346. 21st Sept. the vicar-general, at Wells, instituted Sir Stephen Sely, priest, to the church of Ronyngton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Newman the last rector, to which he was presented by the prior and convent of Taunton. The archdeacon of Taunton to induct.

347. 24th Sept. the vicar-general at Wells arranged the matter of exchange between Sirs Richard Forst, rector of

Cherdelynche, and Richard Lorgh, vicar of Bishop's Lydeyard, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said Richard Forst to the perpetual vicarage of Bishop's Lydeyard, at the presentation of Sir Walter Wyncaulton, canon of Wells, and *firmarius* of the perpetual farm of Lydeyard aforesaid, and the said Richard Lorgh to the church of Cherdelynche to which he was presented by John Boyton, "domicellus."

348. 25th Sept. the vicar-general instituted John Stafford, clerk, to the church of Farneburgh, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Nicholas Stykelynche, priest, the last rector, to which he was presented by Sir Humphry Stafford, knight. The archdeacon of Bath to induct.

349. 9th October A.D. 1408, the vicar-general at Wells, instituted Sir John Alewarde, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of Estbrent, vacant by the death of Sir Philip Yerdesla, to which he was presented by the abbot and convent of Glaston. The archdeacon of Wells to induct.

350. 15th October, Licence for Robert Hulle, "domicellus," and Elizabeth his wife, to have masses celebrated in their oratory within their manor of Spaxton, at the said vicar-general's will.

351. Same day. Licence for Roger Saymour, "domicellus," and Matilda, his wife, to have masses celebrated in the oratory within their manor of Hach Beauchamp at the vicar-general's pleasure.

352. 20th October A.D. abovesaid, at Wells, the vicar-general conferred the free chapel of Blakeford, diocese of Wells, of the collation of Bishop Nicholas on Master William Pilton, clerk, in the person of Sir Roger Wodehele, canon of Wells, his proxy, and instituted him to the said chapel, vacant by the free resignation of Master Thomas Polton.

353. 4th November A.D. 1408, the vicar-general, at Wells, Fo. 53. instituted Master Nigell Hamme, priest, bachelor of laws, in the person of William Brett, clerk, his proxy, to the free chapel of Claverham, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Walter Wyncaulton, to which he was presented by Henry Viel, "domicellus." The dean of Wells or his official to induct.

354. 5th December A.D. above written, the vicar-general arranged the matter of exchange between Master William Congesbury, rector of the church of St. Werburgh, Bristol, diocese of Worcester, and William Hawvlye *alias* Kyng, rector

of Porteshed, diocese of Bath and Wells, priests, and instituted the said William Congesbury to the church of Porteshed at the presentation of Reginald of Halle "domicellus," and the said William Hawvyle *alias* Kyng to the church of St. Werburgh, presented by the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

355. The King to the Bishop.

Post plurima nova nobis diversimodé nunciata de gestis et factis domini Gregorii pape duodecimi, necnon et illorum qui secum de papatu contendunt, ac utriusque collegii nuper in unam et eandem mentis consonanciam super tollendo scismate concurrentium; ut dicitur, tandem, ex literis reverendissimorum in Christo patrum dominorum sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalium, ac ex relatu reverendissimi in Christo patris domini F. tituli sanctorum quatuor coronatorum Cardinalis Burdegalensis, amici nostri merito predilecti, pro parte dicti collegii coram nobis ac dilectissimo filio nostro primogenito, principe Wallie, necnon et prelatis et proceribus regni nostri quam pluribus constituti; leti percepimus bonam et sanctam intentionem quam prefati domini Cardinales semper hactenus habuerunt, prout ipsi se habere impresenciarum ostendunt ad unionem ecclesie sancte Dei. Cujus occasione dicuntur varia pertulisse gravamina, suis non parcendo laboribus nec expensis. Quodque de unanimi ipsorum consensu, pretextu continuationis dicte scismatis contra votum et juramentum per ipsum dominum Gregorium, dum erat in minoribus constitutus de cedendo papatum solempniter prestitum, et post assumpcionem suam ad apostolatus apicem per manus sue subscriptcionem publice renovatum, aceciam confirmatum. Jamdicti cardinales omnem subtraxerunt obedienciam ab eodem, ac pro generali consilio apud Pisas in festo Anunciacionis dominice proximo futuro celebrando disponunt ad dictum scisma penitus extirpandum, nullam aliam viam per quam ad unionem ecclesie perveniri valeat magis accomodam reputantes. Nos igitur cupientes ostendere quantum zelum habuimus et habemus, ut pax detur ecclesie, ad predicti cardinales et literarum predictarum instanciam exitati, ac conscientiæ zeli ducti nostros ambassiatores prelatos regni nostri per se vel procuratores suos ad dictum consilium intendimus destinare, quemadmodum alios ortodoxe fidei principes incunctanter credimus esse facturos, ut universalis ecclesia desiderabilis unionis dulcedine perfruatur. Qua propter vos attente rogamus et hortamur in Eo qui pacem ponit fines ecclesie, quatinus ad predictum consilium die et loco predictis,

ut premittitur celebrandum, unum notabilem doctorem tam nomine vestro quam cleri vestre diocesis per vos propterea convocandum, sufficienti potestate munitum destinare velitis, inducendo, ac eciam exhortando capitulum ecclesie vestre cathedralis ut vestrum doctorem simili modo transmittat prout honestati vestre conveniat et cedere poterit ad laudem altissimi et honorem ecclesie Anglicane Scituri quod oportet hoc fieri vestris et cleri Cantuariensis provincie propterea convocandi sumptibus et expensis.

Datum sub privato sigillo nostro, apud Westmonasterium, xij die Novembris anno regni nostri decimo.

356. The King's writ to Bishop Nicholas.

We command you that you cause 40 marks to be levied of the ecclesiastical goods of Walter Aymere, your clerk, in your diocese, and have them before our Justices, at Westminster, on the octave of St. Hilary to render to Henry Colbache, clerk. Also cause 20 marks to be levied of the ecclesiastical goods of the said Walter which were adjudged for his damages which he had by reason of withholding the debt aforesaid. Witness W. Thornyng, at Westminster, 18th Oct. in the 10th year of our reign. Roll cxxxiij.

357. 27 Dec. A.D. 1408. Mandate under the vicar-general's name to John Chircheward, rector of the church of St. James, Bath, to sequestrate all the ecclesiastical goods of the above Walter Aymer and all the fruits, &c., of his church of St. Michael outside the gate of the city of Bath.

358. Mandate from Richard, Bishop of London, to Bishop Nicholas, dated at Fulham 2nd December A.D. 1408, to attend the convocation to be held at St. Paul's, London, on the 14th January next to come. The archbishop of Canterbury's mandate, dated at Lambeth on the last day of November A.D. 1408, is recited. Commencing "Thomas, &c. Naturalis disposicio queque tantum ad unitatem dinoscitur inclinata ut ab ipsa recedens vix in natura aliquid reperiatur esse perfectum quod et apes unum de minimis animalium recognoscit dum sub uno principe seu preposito avolans et revolans nature sue utilia predisponit, *etc.* prelatos et clerum nostre Cantuariensis provincie ad xxiij diem mensis Julii ultimo preteritum in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli London' fecimus convocari. In qua convocacione, laudetur ipse qui cujusque unitatis et perfectionis caput est et finis sub uno spiritu ab ipso Deo, ut speramus,

divinitus inspirato, prehabitoque domini nostri regis benigno ac favorabili concensu et favore de nonnullis ad ipsam unionem preparatoriis, honestis et inductivis communiter disposuimus, que ad presens, eo quod pluribus nota sunt, non expedit recitare. Verumtamen adveniente post modum in regnum Anglie reverendissimo in Christo patre et domino, domino cardinali Burdugalensi, tam per fidedignos relatus ejusdem coram domino nostro rege, ac nobis, et pluribus confratribus nostris suffraganeis aliisque prelatis regni et proceribus solempni proposicione emissos, quam per literas collegii cardinalium, quarum quedam domino nostro regi quedam nobis et quedam aliis confratribus nostris transmisse sunt liquet clara luce quod collegia cardinalium utriusque partis sint unita et ad unionem ecclesie Dei omnino disposita, et ad hunc finem in civitate Pisarum, ad festum Anunciacionis beate Marie proximo futurum generale concilium de obediencia utriusque partis ex consensu regum et principum atque communitatum celebrare intendunt ac unionem ecclesie infallibiliter, ut speratur, ibidem reformare. In quo concilio nos et confratres nostros, *etc.*, volunt interesse, *etc.* Ex causa premissa prelatos et clerum nostre Cantuariensis provincie ad xiiij^{eum} diem mensis Januarii proximo futurum duximus convocandos" *etc.* Masses, sermons and processions on the fourth and sixth ferials for the prosperity of the said council. Ending. "Et a vobis ceterisque confratribus et suffraganeis nostris similes indulgencias petimus elargire."

Fo. 54.

Indulgence of forty days for all praying for the union of the church, being penitent and confessing their sins.

[Marginal note.]

Receipt of these presents at Wells by Master Richard Bruton, vicar-general, 13th Dec. A.D. above written.

359. 14th December A.D. abovesaid. Mandates under the vicar-general's name to execute the above written mandate.

Fo. 55.

360. Richard, bishop of London, to Bishop Nicholas. We received the letters of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, on the 3rd day of this present month, in these words:—Thomas by divine permission archbishop of Canterbury to his venerable brother Richard, bishop of London, greeting, etc. Whereas we and the other prelates of our province, in our last convocation, in your church of London, commenced on the 14th day of the present month of January and continued until the penultimate day of the same month, granted for the expenses of

the proctors elected to cross over to the general council to be celebrated abroad for reforming the union of the universal church a subsidy of the goods and ecclesiastical benefices of the said province taxed and accustomed to pay to the tenth, and also of benefices and offices not taxed nor accustomed to pay to the tenth, exceeding the sum of 100*s.* according to the true estimation of the yearly value of the same, viz., 4*d.* to be collected quickly from every pound. So that three halfpence in respect of each pound granted in the last convocation preceding should be accounted in the said 4*d.* abovesaid in respect of the pound; so that both grants shall not exceed 4*d.* We command you that you cause the said 4*d.* to be levied and the money to be paid to Master Richard Brynkley, our dean of St. Mary de Arcabus, or Master John Perche, our registrar of Canterbury by the Feast of St. Gregory next. Lambeth, last day of January A.D. 1408. By authority of which letters we command you that you cause the said 4*d.* to be levied.

London, 4th Feb. A.D. abovesaid.

[Marginal note.]

Receipts of these presents, at Wells, by Master Richard Bruton, vicar-general, 13th January A.D. below written.

361. 16th Feb. A.D. above. Commission for the prior and convent of Taunton to collect the said 2½*d.* throughout the diocese of Bath and Wells.

362. 1st March A.D. 1408–[9] the vicar-general instituted Sir Walter Bury, priest, to the church of Rovyngton, diocese of Bath and Wells, vacant by the free and simple resignation of Sir Stephen Sely, the last rector, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton. The archdeacon of Taunton to induct.

363. 5th March A.D. above written the vicar-general, at Wells, instituted Sir John Lemyngton, priest, to the church of Bokelond St. Mary, vacant by the death of Sir Peter Whyte, the last rector, at the presentation of Edward, Duke of York.

364. 7th March A.D. above. The vicar-general, by authority of Bishop Nicholas, commanded the president and chapter of Wells, the dean being absent, to admit and receive Sir Richard Kyngeston as a canon and brother of the said church, to assign him a stall, and to induct him to the prebend of Hengestrugge.

365. 12th day of the said month, at Wells, the vicar-general

instituted Sir John Bovyngdon, priest, to the church of Clutton vacant by the free and simple resignation of Sir John Iveray, the last rector, at the presentation of Sir Humphrey Stafford knight.

366. 15th day of the same month, the vicar-general instituted Sir John Iveray, priest, to the church of Cryschton, vacant by the free resignation of Sir John Bockyng, the last rector, at the presentation of John Pokeswell, "domicellus."

367. 10th August A.D. 1409, at Wells, Master Richard Bruton, the commissary specially deputed, the date of which commission is in the manor of Dogmersfeld, 6th August A.D. above written, instituted Sir Robert Gernays, priest, to the church of Treburgh, to which he was presented by Roger Helyer. Letters directed to Master John Tyssebury, commissary-general, to induct.

Fo. 56. 368. Public instrument, A.D. 1409, 3rd May, by which Sir John Frank, priest, in the church of St. Paul, London, in the presence of the witnesses subscribed, appoints Master Richard Bruton, Master Thomas Polton, Master Richard Pittes, Master Roger Harewell, and Master Richard Harewell, canons of Wells, Master William Spaldewyk, canon of Salisbury, Master Walter Bullok, canon of Lichfield, John Wycombe, John de Frome, John Forde, Walter Deene, chaplain, and John Alampton, vicar in the church of Wells, jointly and severally, his proctors, "actores, factores, negociorum suorum gestores et nuncios speciales" to accept in his name any ecclesiastical benefice to be conferred on him, and to be instituted, &c., for him. Present. Benedict Wycheford and William Noble, of the dioceses of Salisbury and Bath.

Simon Kempston, clerk, of the diocese of Lincoln, public notary, was present.

369. 20th May A.D. 1409, Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, commissary specially deputed, admitted Sir John Frank, priest, in the person of John Alampton, priest, his proxy, to a canonry in the cathedral church of Wells and the prebend of Wandestre, belonging to the King's donation by reason of his recovering the presentation to the said prebend against Henry, late bishop, the said John Frank's resignation being first received, and instituted him in the same.

370. 12th Nov. A.D. abovesaid, at Wells, Master Richard Bruton, commissary specially deputed, arranged matter of

exchange between Sir William Towker, rector of Fydyngton, and Sir John Euynton, vicar of Clyvedon, diocese of Bath and Wells, and instituted the said John to the church of Fydyngton at the presentation of Robert Hulle, esquire, and the said William to the perpetual vicarage of Clyvedon at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine, Bristol, diocese of Worcester.

371. 11th December A.D. abovesaid, Master Richard Bruton, commissary specially deputed, instituted Robert Daldyche, priest, in the person of Hugh Poghulle, "literatus," his proxy, to the church of Corston, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Wyat, the last rector, at the presentation of James Aumarle, John Pole, Robert Maynarde, and Thomas Hurtescote.

372. 1st June, year abovesaid. The prior of Taunton to Bishop Nicholas informing him that he had made inquisition concerning the subsidy (as in No. 360) and cited those refusing to pay. Fo. 57.

373. Know all men by these presents that we, Richard Brynkele, dean of St. Mary de Arcubus, London, and John Peche, registrar of the Court of Canterbury, receivers of the subsidy of four pence in the pound of ecclesiastical goods and benefices, have received of Nicholas, bishop of Bath and Wells, 13 marks, 10 shillings and 10 pence, by the hands of Master John Shirford, in respect of the temporal goods of the said reverend father.

London, 21st May A.D. 1409.

374. The King to Bishop Nicholas.

Although with the advice of our council we ordained a certain parliament to be held at Bristol on the quindene of St. Hilary next to come, and commanded you and the other prelates, magnates, and peers of our realm of England to be present. Nevertheless, for certain causes concerning the public good, we will that the said parliament be held and had at Westminster on the said quindene, and therefore we command you that you be personally present with us and with the other prelates, &c. Warning the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and chapter of Bath, the archdeacons and all the clergy of your diocese that the dean, prior and archdeacons be personally present, the said chapters by two proxies, and the clergy by two proxies. Witness ourself, at Westminster, 18th Dec., in the 11th year of our reign. This writ was received 8th Jan. and

delivered to Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, to execute.

375. Bishop Nicholas to all, &c.

Know that we, for the relief of the house of Wytham and the convent of the same place, of the Carthusian order, and in aid of the support of the charges incumbent on the same house, have granted and given licence to John Wykyng and Isabella, who was the wife of Thomas Tanner, of Wellys, that they can give and grant three messuages, 60 acres of land, and 18 acres of meadow in Woky and Yerdele, which are held of us, to the aforesaid prior and convent and to their successors for ever. To hold of us and our successors by the rents and services thereof due and of right accustomed for ever. And that the said prior and convent can hold the said 3 messuages, &c. Notwithstanding the statute touching lands and tenements not to be put to mortmain.

Dated in our manor at Woky, 12th January A.D. 1409.

Fo. 58. 376. Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, commissary, to Bishop Nicholas. I have received the letter of your commission containing the tenour which follows. Nicholas, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells. We received the letters of Richard, bishop of London, on the 27th day of the present month of January in these words. We received the mandate of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, on the 18th day of the present month, containing the tenour following. Thomas, &c. We have received the King's writ in these words. Henry by the grace of God, King of England, &c. to Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury. Great necessity impells us to convoke the prelates and clergy of our province of Canterbury for divers and urgent matters concerning the state, defence and utility of the church and the realm. We command you that you cause all and singular the bishops, &c. of the same province to be convoked in the usual manner in the cathedral church of St. Paul, London, or elsewhere as you shall deem most expedient. Witness ourself, at Eltham, 3rd Jan. in the 11th year of our reign. Wherefore we command you that you cite all and singular of the diocese of Canterbury to appear at St. Paul's on the 17th Feb. next to come. Dertford, 12th Jan. A.D. 1409. By authority of which we cite you, the reverend father aforesaid, and order that you execute the said mandate. Hadham, 20th Jan. A.D. abovesaid. Wherefore we commit to you and command that

you cite the dean and chapter of Wells, &c., according to the form contained in the said letters. London, 28th Jan. A.D. abovesaid. By authority of your said letters I have caused the chapter of Wells, &c., to be cited. Wells, 10th Feb. A.D. abovesaid.

377. The King's writ to Bishop Nicholas.

We command you that you cause 40 marks to be made from the ecclesiastical goods of Walter Aymer, your clerk, (&c. as in No. 356).

Witness W. Thirnyng, at Westminster, 12th Feb. in the 11th year of our reign.

378. The King's writ to Bishop Nicholas.

Whereas Alice, who was the wife of Robert Nywelond, in our Court, before our Justices, at Westminster, demanded against John Pynder and Joan, his wife, the third part of 96 acres of land, 2 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 3 acres of wood, 8 acres of moor, and 12*s.* 8*d.* of rent in Paghull and Langelegh, as her dower, of the endowment of the said Robert, formerly her husband; and the same Joan afterwards came in the same Court, and said that the said Alice ought not to have her dower as wife of the said Robert, because she was never lawfully married to the same Robert. And the same Alice replied that she was married to the same Robert in the face of the church on the Feast of St. Barnabas, the Apostle in the fourth year of our reign, at Corymalett, in a certain free chapel of St. John the Evangelist, annexed to the parish church of Corymalet, the banns being first announced between the said Robert and Alice.

Because such cognisance belongs to the ecclesiastical court, we command you that you enquire concerning the truth of the premises and inform our Justices in one month from Easter Day.

Witness W. Thirning, at Westminster, 12th Feb. in the 11th year of our reign.

Notes on Giffard's Register.

ii. Kokelyncton, *i.e.*, Cucklington.

iii. Worspring. The priory of Austin Canons founded by Geoffrey Gilberyn at Dodelyng was transferred here in 1210, and refounded by the Courtenay family, and enriched by the Cantilupes. It was founded in expiation of the murder of S. Thomas of Canterbury.

v. William de Colerne was Abbot of Malmsbury at this time. William de Cheyny witnesses a Bruton Charter, 1252, *cf.* Bruton Cartulary, 85.

vi. Goldcliff, in Monmouthshire, near Newport. A cell of the Benedictine abbey of Bec founded by Robert de Chandos in 1113. After the suppression of the alien Priories it was made a cell of Tewkesbury.

vii. Walter de Wynnok. This is probably a mistake for Chinnock. The benefice was Stoke Trister.

viii. Wateleg', *i.e.*, Whateley. Archbishop Boniface of Savoy was abroad until 1266. Is this a later transcript made by a clerk at York?

ix. Wrotsale, *i.e.*, Wraxall.

x. For the history of the Cluniac Monastery at Montacute, *cf.* Bruton and Montacute Cartularies. S.R.S., vol. 8.

xii. Lymigton, *i.e.*, Lymington.

xiii. For the Bosco family, *cf.* Collinson, ii, 73.

xiv. John de Holteby was prebendary of Holcombe in Wells Cathedral.

xv. Corton Denham, near Sherborne.

xvi. For Wingeham, we should clearly read Bingeham.

xvii. R. Abbot of Glastonbury, *i.e.*, Robert de Petherton, abbot, 1261–1274.

xviii. *Cf.* entry xli.

xix. Weston-super-Mare. But *cf.* No. xlvii.

xxi. Godfrey Giffard was brother of Walter, and in 1268 was made Bishop of Worcester.

xxii. Robert de Marisco obtains licence to go abroad with the dean about dispute with the monks of Bath on question of election, and writes to W. Archbishop of York for his support (f. 74). He borrows 50 marcs for the dean and chapter to be spent at Rome. He had let his prebend of Easton to Robert la Warre for 24 marcs. He was the mouthpiece of the chapter in announcing the election of William de Bitton, Archdeacon of Wells, as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

xxiii. Prebenda bursariæ, *cf.* next entry. Wm. le Rus was proctor for the chapter for general business in 1256 and 1257. He is described as Wm. le R. de Burstall, the name probably given to the holder of this stall. Wm. le Rus was of Bristol, clerk, and in 1262 obtained an annuity from W. Bitton, Bishop of Bath and Wells, until such time as he should obtain a benefice. Hunt's Bath Cartularies, ii, 210.

xxiv. Prebenda consistens de pecunia numerata, *i.e.*, prebenda bursalis furnished "de bursa," not from an estate or rectory appropriated thereto. The bursa may be that of a patron or the communa of the chapter. Hugh de la Mote was sent by chapter, Feb. 10, 1266, to represent them in negociations at Bath with the convent, relative to the election of a successor to Bishop Walter Giffard. The prebendal church of Holcombe is near Holsworthy, Devon, generally called Holcombe Burnel.

xxv. Sutton, *i.e.*, Long Sutton near Somerton.

xxviii. The church of S. Serenus at Chorges, near Embrun, Hautes Alpes. It must be remembered that Giffard took an active part in the negociations which ended in the Dictum of Kenilworth.

xxix. For the provostship of Combe in Wells Cathedral, *cf.* my introduction to the Register of R. de Salopia. S.R.S. vol. 9.

xxx. Bradford. A portion of the manor of Taunton was held by John de Montacute, 13 John.

xxxii. Kantokesheved, *i.e.*, Quantoxhead. Auctoritate Concilii. Andrew Luttrell, the patron of East Quantoxhead, was just dead, and the succession to the manor and patronage was not yet settled.

xxxvii. William de Sancto Edwardo, prior of Bruton. The advowson of South Petherton was given to the priory of Bruton in exchange for their rights at Witham when Henry II founded the Carthusian House there.

xxxviii. Queen Eleanor had the custody of the manor after the death of Henry l'Orti, and during the widowhood of Sabina Revel, who brought the manor into the l'Orti family.

xxxix. Norton Fitzwarren. Peter de Chavent or Chaumpvent was steward of the household to Edward I. Cal. Pat. Rolls, Sept. 17, 1290. The arms of John de Chauvent, London, are given in Collinson, i, l.

xl. South Braden, near Ilminster.

xli. *Cf.* entry xviii.

xliii. Wayford, near Crewkerne formed part of the manor of Crewkerne.

xliv. W. Sarum, *i.e.*, Walter de la Wyle, Bishop of Salisbury, 1263–1274.

xlvi. Stoke-super-Mare, *i.e.*, Kew-Stoke.

xlvii. If this does not refer to No. xix, it must be Weston Zoyland.

l. High Littleton, near Clutton.

li. Shepton Beauchamp.

lii. Rowberrow, near Winscombe.

liii. Goathurst, near Bridgwater.

Notes on Bowet's Register.

1. William Warwyke. The name is given in Weaver's Incumbents as William Dew Wyke, but incorrectly.

2. His consecrators were the Archbishop and Bishops of London, Hereford, Exeter, Bangor, Llandaff, Worcester, and Lewis, Bishop of Volterra.

4. Dame Elizabeth Palton the widow of Sir Robert Palton of Paulton, and mother of Sir William Palton. She was the daughter and heir of Sir W. Asthorpe of Camerton.

6. The new close was that built by Bishop R. de Salopia in 1360.

7. This is obviously not the date of his appointment to Kilmington, nor can Modeford from this have been the immediate successor of John Gyen, *cf.* R. de Salop, ii, 498.

9. Dame Elizabeth Pawlet, of Hinton St. George. She was the widow of Sir John Pawlet, who died 1378.

10. Cheriton Bishop, 10 miles west of Exeter. Edmund Stafford, Bishop of Exeter, 1395–1414.

14. Stawleigh, near Wellington. Thriplow, near Shelford, Cambs.

16. John Greenlaw, bishop "Soltaniensis in Media," was suffragan of Bath and Wells 1401–8; Sarum 1409; York 1421; Lincoln 1422. He died 1423. Soltania is on the road from Tabriz to Teheran.

17. Wraxall. The Archer transcript reads the name Bathe, but wrongly.

19. The church of Minehead was granted to the Canons of Bruton by William de Moyun the third, circ. 1150. The name of Bruton's predecessor is not very plain, but Skiott is certainly the true reading, and not Eliot.

20. Runnington, near Wellington. West Cliffe, *i.e.*, Cliffe, near Lewes, in the diocese of Chichester but jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

22. Dychesyate, *i.e.*, Ditcheat.

24. Probably at East Stoket and Edington. Sir Robert Hull at this time was a very old man.

25. Domicellus, *i.e.*, a title given to the younger sons of noblemen, the superior and titular servants of great monasteries, and generally the name for a small esquire. Hull is clearly a mistake for Hill, Robert Hill owning at this time Fiddington and Spaxton; *cf.* Collinson, i, 241, 243, and Entry 350.

28. Sir Nicholas Slake was elected in 1396, succeeding Thomas Sudbury. On Aug. 10, 1396, Guido de Mona was appointed, and next year he was promoted to S. David's. Henry Beaufort succeeded, and Thomas Tuttebury was collated Feb. 24, 1401 (*vide* Arundel's Register).

31. *Cf.* p. 31 of the Wells Ordinale, in Reynolds' Wells Cathedral.
32. Batcombe, near Cerne Abbas, Dorset.
37. *Cf.* Wilkins' Concilia, iii, 265. Robert is a mistake for Richard. Richard Clifford was Bishop of London 1401–1407.
38. Shepton Mallet.
42. Bryn. Sir John de Berkeley was patron of Breane.
43. Kingsdon, near Ilchester.
44. Richard and Henry de Sydenham of Combe Sydenham in the parish of Stogumber. They also owned Preston.
45. Selmeston, near Pevensey, Sussex.
48. Bisham, a house of Austin Canons, founded in 1338 by William Montacute, Earl of Sarum. Bishop Erghum gave Curry Rivel to Bisham in 1391.
49. Kymersden, *i.e.*, Kilmersdon. The benefice was in the gift of the Knights Hospitallers.
50. Dycherych, *i.e.*, Ditcheridge, Wilts, near Bath.
51. Lameyzate, *i.e.*, Lamyat. Dychesyate, *i.e.*, Ditcheat.
52. Sir Walter Rodney lived at Rodney Stoke. Collinson says his wife was Dorothy St. John. He was sheriff for Somerset and Dorset, 8 Hen. IV.
56. Probably Kingsdon, near Yeovil, generally called Kingston-Pitney.
59. Selmeston, near Pevensey, was a prebendal church belonging to one of the prebendaries of Chichester.
64. Combe Keynes, near Wareham, Dorset.
65. John Compe was member for Bath, 1376, *cf.* Collinson, i, 20. There were three churches dedicated to the Virgin in Bath : S. Mary de Stall or Stall Church, S. Mary intra muros just within north gate, and S. Mary extra muros to the east near the river.
69. Perhaps of Chew Magna. Collinson, ii, 95.
72. Mydley, in the deanery of Lympne. The church has now disappeared.
78. Monks Henton, *i.e.*, Hinton Charterhouse.
80. Redmarshall, near Stockton, co. Durham.
83. Agnes Canynges, perhaps the wife of William Canynges, the builder of Redcliffe church, who lived in Tucker Street, Bristol, *cf.* Hunt's Bristol, p. 94.
84. *Cf.* Wilkins' Conc., iii, 267. Fide digna relatio ad nostrum perduxit auditum quod nonnulli rectores et vicarii nostræ diæceseos in suis ecclesiis debitam non faciunt residentiam, etc.
92. Lowen = Uplowman, near Tiverton.
94. Easthenseth, *i.e.*, East Hendred, Berks.
95. Bawerep, *i.e.*, Bawdrip.
97. Goldcliff, a Benedictine cell in Monmouthshire given by Robert de Chandos to the abbey of Bec. On the suppression of the alien priories, the lands went towards the endowment of Eton College. Isabella was the sister of Elizabeth Brecon, whose brother Simon Bernaby held the manor of Skilgate *temp.* R. II, *cf.* Collinson, iii, 545.
98. Are = Oare, near Porlock. Ralegh = Combe Rawleigh, near Honiton. *Cf.* No. 152.
100. *Cf.* Wilkins' Conc., iii, 270. Before this Convocation, Richard

Herbert, John Seygno, and Emmota Wylby were summoned for heretical teaching. They all abjured. The Convocation granted a tenth and a moiety to the king.

101. *Cf. Som. Arch. Soc. Proceedings*, vol. xvii, 1891.

103. Cary, *i.e.*, Castle Cary.

104. Penne, *i.e.*, Penselwood.

105. Brodesydlynch, perhaps Upsydling, Dorset.

106. For Bonvilles, *cf.* Collinson, iii, 219.

107. Budden, perhaps Bodenham, near Downton.

108. For the St. John's of Luccombe, *cf.* Collinson, ii, 23. Elizabeth de Luccombe married Oliver de St. John, the father of Henry, and brought this manor with her.

111. Athyngley. The abbot of Athelney was constantly employed on this work.

112. North Peret, *i.e.*, North Petherton, *cf.* Collinson, iii, 54.

116. Myddleton, *i.e.*, Puddimore Milton.

117. Keynsham was a house of Austin Canons, and of the Order of St. Victor. *Cf.* Holmes' R. de Salopia, p. xlix.

121. Roubergh, *i.e.*, Rowberrow. Little Badow, near Chelmsford, Essex.

122. For the Merlaunds of Orchardleigh, *cf.* Collinson, ii, 222. This John de Merlond was the last who held the manor. At his death it passed to the Romeseys.

124. Pitteney, *i.e.*, Pitney L'Orti. On the death of Sir Robert de Ashton, 7 Ric. II, the manor and advowson remained with the king for some years until the succession was settled.

125. Goldcliff was an alien priory that had belonged to the Benedictine abbey of Bec.

129. Stavordale was a small priory of Canons of S. Austin and S. Victor, founded near Wincanton by Richard Lovel. It was always poor, and on the eve of the Reformation became a cell of the priory of Taunton.

131. Chantry of St. Edmund in navi ecclesiæ, founded 1269. *Cf.* Church's Wells, 420. It afterwards was included in Sugar's Chapel in the nave.

135. Edmund Flory, probably of Cloford and Hemington, *cf.* Pat. Rolls, 5 R. II, 1381, p. 72.

136. *Cf.* No. 94.

138. Nicholas, Bishop of Christopolis, *cf.* Stubbs' Registrum, p. 144.

144. Lovepit, *i.e.*, Luppit, near Honiton.

149. St. Mary's Chantry Altar, *cf.* Green's Chantries, 106, 290; Holmes' R. de Salopia, 185.

150. Hydehalle, a free chantry chapel in the parish of Clevedon, *cf.* Green's Chantries, p. 83 and 265.

151. Perhaps the John Bluet who married a Hogshaw of Wanstrow. Collinson, ii, 229.

153. The Chipleighs held Chipleigh in the parish of Milverton.

154. Wyke Perham in Curry Rivel.

155. Hoxham, *i.e.*, Huxham, near Exeter.

156. Rector of SS. John and Mary, probably St. John's, Devizes, with the chapel of S. Mary attached.

158. Sowy, *i.e.*, Weston Zoyland.

159. For Filton and the chapel of S. Anne-in-the-Wood, near Brislington, *cf. Som. Arch. Proceedings* for 1898. The conveyance in 1552 to Robert Bridges, who bought it of the Crown, mentions all that tenement called Newycke, with its appurtenances, near the late chapel of S. Anne at Bristleton. Publow, near Pensford.

161. Estapelonde, *i.e.*, East Capland, a tything of the parish of Broadway, near Ilminster, formerly a parish by itself.

162. A William Langbroke was appointed to the treasurership of Wells Cathedral by Richard II in 1389.

165. Great Weston, *i.e.*, Weston Bampfylde.

166. Loketon, *i.e.*, Loxton.

171. Bricheforde, *i.e.*, Brushford. Shenley, near St. Alban's, Herts.

172. Teffont, in Wiltshire, between Mere and Wilton.

173. For the free chapel of St. John, South Petherton, *cf.* Green's Chantries, p. 8 and 181.

179. Altar of S. Martin in the Canon's Vestry, South Transept. Not to be confused with the Chantry of All Saints founded in 1433 by Abbey of Muchelney for the soul of Bishop Bubwith.

181. Norton, *i.e.*, Norton Fitzwarren.

184. Enmore, near Bridgwater. Collinson, i, 90. Sir Baldwin Malet married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Trivet, and secondly, Amice, daughter of Richard Lyffe of Currypool.

185. Chantry of B.V.M., *cf.* Green's Chantries, 34 and 211.

194. William Godwyn of Godwin's Bower, near Bridgwater.

208. For S. Calixtus Altar, *cf.* Church's Early History of the Church of Wells, and Dearmer's Wells, p. 100.

209. North Cryket, *i.e.*, Cricket Malerby.

210. Tymbresbergh, *i.e.*, Timsbury.

214. Goose Bradon, a vanished parish within the present parish of South Bradon. It took its name from the family of Gouiz.

215. Stoodleigh near South Molton, Devon.

216. Knyghteslegh, *i.e.*, Angers Leigh, near Pitminster.

217. Weybayous, *i.e.*, Upway, near Weymouth. "The most ancient lords of this manor were the family of Baieux, Bayouse or Bayocis, barons of this realm." Hutchins' Dorset, 3rd edition, vol. ii, p. 840.

218. Goldcliff, in Monmouthshire. An alien priory or cell of the Abbey of Bec.

219. Chantry of John de Hereford, *cf.* Bennett's Wells Cath. MSS., p. 72. The Chapel of All Saints', called also Cokeham's Chapel, because of the obit of W. Cokeham, was probably in the Palm Churchyard and against the south wall of the nave.

220. Powerstock, near Bridport, Dorset.

221. Crokhorn, *i.e.*, Crewkerne. Stawe, *i.e.*, Stow St. James, in the deanery of Okehampton.

224. Somborne, *i.e.*, King's Somborne, near Stockbridge, Hants.
Motisfont. Wm. Brewen founded in the time of King John a house of Austin Canons here.

225. Lytelham, *i.e.*, Littleham, the mother parish of Exmouth, Devon.

226. Bykeleigh, *i.e.*, Bickleigh, near Tiverton.

227. Cornwood, near Plympton, South Devon.

229. This entry is confused. Ralph Canon became canon and prebendary of Lichfield, and Thomas Benet rector of High Ham.

230. The head priory of the Hospitallers in England was that at Clerkenwell, in the City of London.

233. Teffont Evias, near Wilton, Wilts.

236. A "C" has dropped out in the date.

239. Somerford Mautravers, or Maltravers, *i.e.*, Great Somerford, near Malmesbury, Wilts.

242. Pinhoe, near Exeter.

249. Treberthe, *i.e.*, Treborough. The patron's name should be Roger Bras.

250. Wroxall is a parish in the Isle of Wight and diocese of Winchester.

258. Lomona, *i.e.*, Uploman, Devon.

259. Claverham, in the parish of Yatton, *cf.* Collinson, iii, 617.

262. The Manor of Skilgate in the time of Richard II was owned by Simon Bernaby, whose sister Elizabeth, widow of Reginald Brecon, held it in 1395, and at her death it passed to her sister, Isabella Bernaby. The manor afterwards passed to the abbot and convent of Abbotsbury, and thence into the Leigh family.

263. The Tryvets of Chilton held the manor of Otterhampton, *temp.* Ed. III, and from them it passed to Sir Alexander Hody.

267. Fodyngton, a free chapel in the parish of Babcary.

268. The D'Erleighs held Babcary at this time.

272. Olveston, Gloucestershire.

273. Angersley, *i.e.*, Angers Leigh.

276. Brackley, Northamptonshire. John, Lord de Lovell and Holland, one of the commissioners for the payment of the dowry of Queen Blanche. Rymer's *Fœd.*, viii, 240, Aug. 1, 1401. He gives to Wells Cathedral a precious vestment, 1407–8. Wells MSS., p. 277.

280. East Develyssh, *i.e.*, Dowlish Wake.

282. Stupellavington, *i.e.*, Market Lavington, near Devizes.

283. Dommerespenne, Pendomer, near Yeovil. The Manor took its name from the family of Domer or Dummer.

284. Knightsleigh, *i.e.*, Angersleigh. Codeleigh, *i.e.*, Cotleigh, near Honiton.

289. Wyke, *i.e.*, Wyke Perham, *cf.* Hobhouse's Drokensford, p. 303. Holmes's R. de Salopia, 489, 490.

291. Muchelmarissh, now wrongly called Michaelmarsh, near Romsey.

294. For the Convent of Cannyngton, *cf.* Hugo's Convents of Somerset.

295. For the Chapel "juxta Claustrum," *cf.* Church's Wells, p. 422.
Kingdon, *i.e.*, the Benedictine Convent of Kington St. Michael, near Chippenham.

304. Charles, near South Molton, Devon. Its ancient name was Charnes.

307. Rempton, *i.e.*, Rimpton.

309. Aschulle, *i.e.*, Ashill, near Ilminster.

310. For this Chantry, *cf.* Green's Chantries of Somerset, p. 108; Holmes's R. de Salopia, 322, 367.

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